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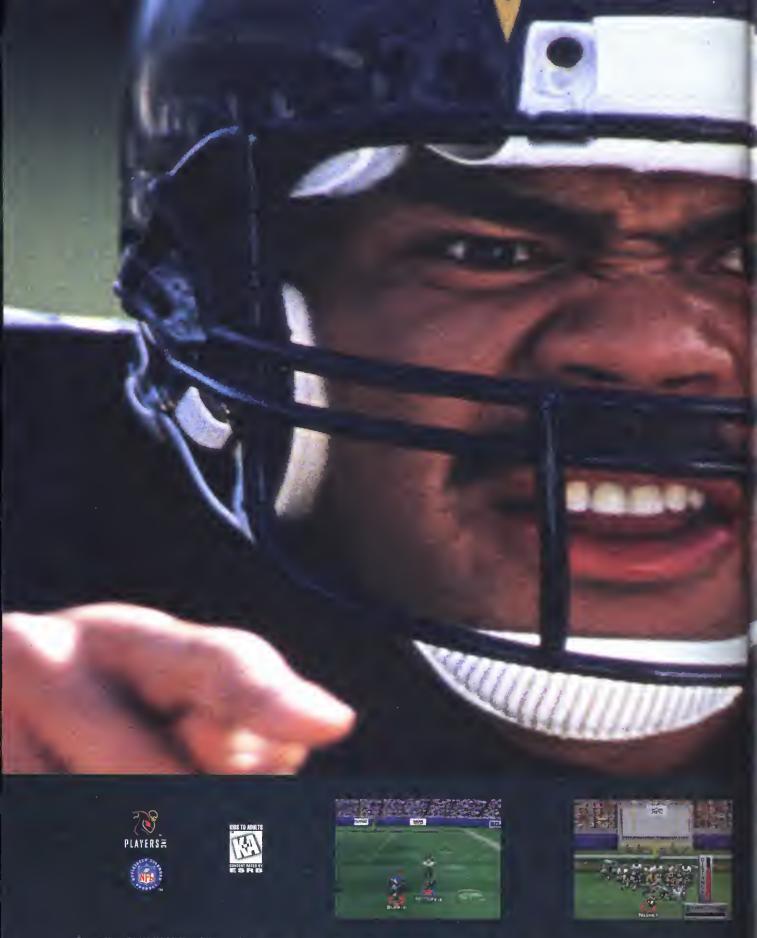
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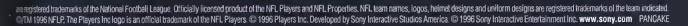
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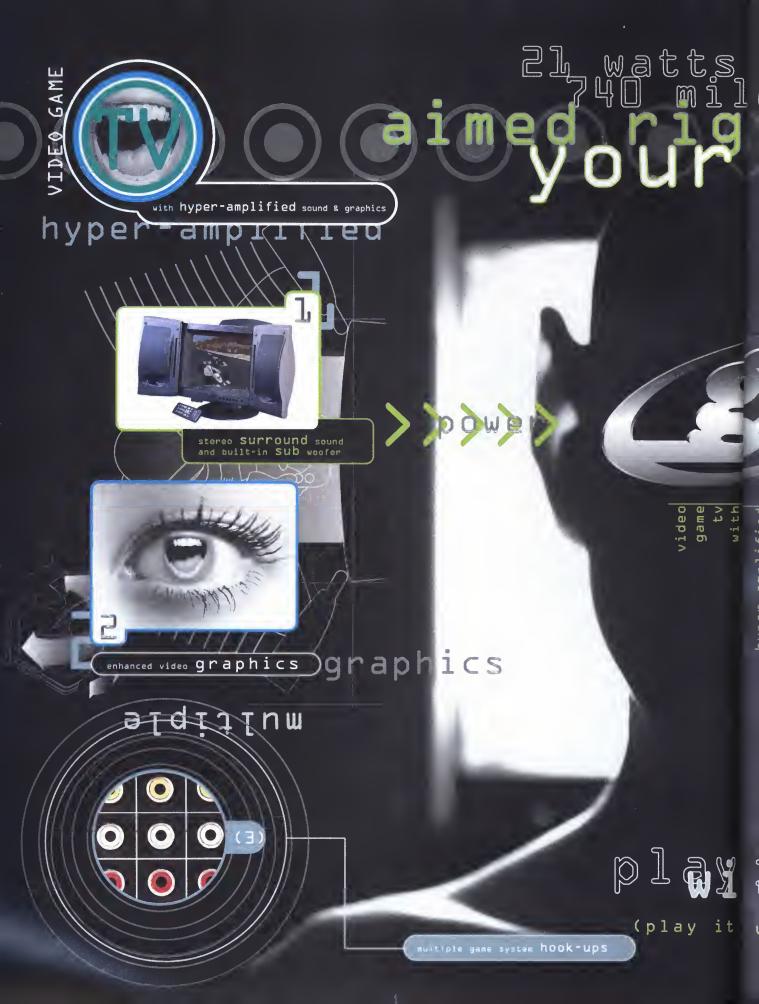
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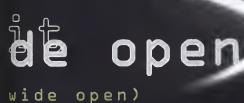
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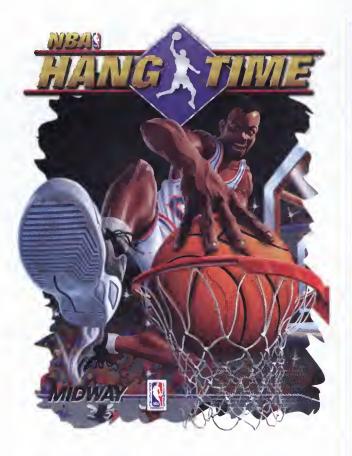


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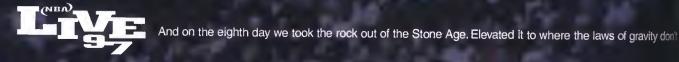
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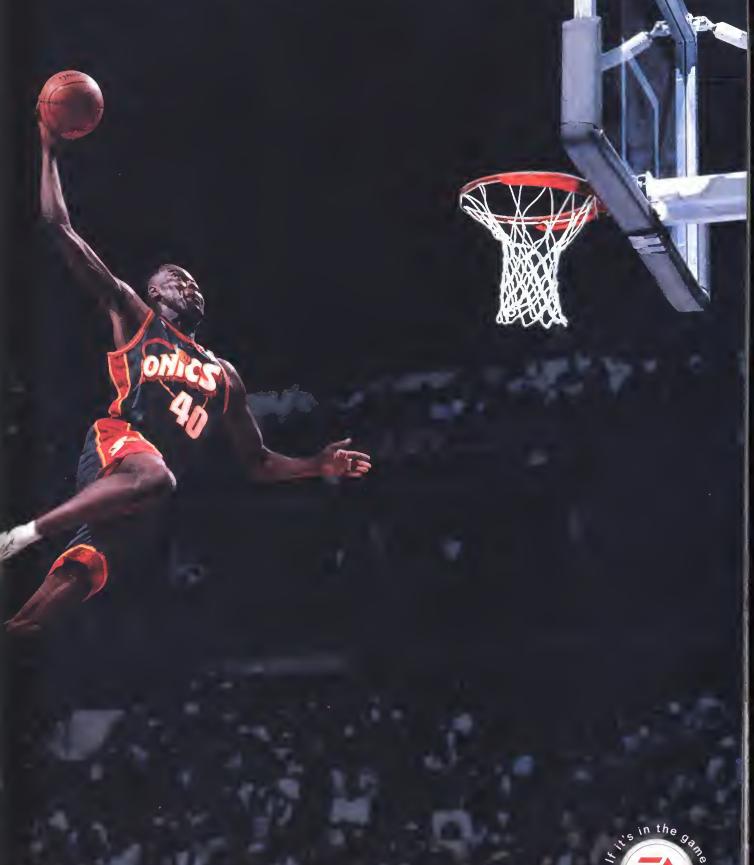






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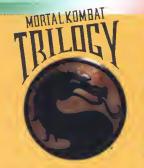
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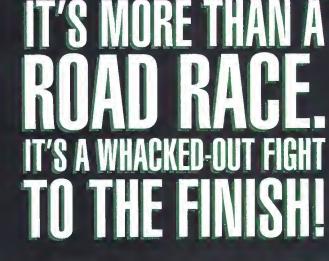
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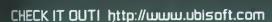




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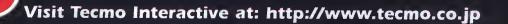
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We're celebrating issue number 100 with some special articles, contests, and giveaways (see inside). Check out the retrospective article that looks at *GamePro*'s past: New readers might

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be interested to see how far back into video game history we go and some of the unusual writers we've had on staff. (What

ever happened to Johnny Arcade? Even we don't know.)

Besides illuminating what's gone before, this issue also points to the future with a brand-new section in the magazine. "NetPro" is a new department devoted to covering the exciting, fast-growing world of online and Internet gaming. Sharp-eyed readers will note that we already have a magazine department called "GamePro Online"—it will be replaced by the new section. We started that department when we first launched our America Online area 18 months ago. That AOL area is also called GamePro Online (keyword: GamePro). Last spring, our online and Internet activities grew to include our Web site, named (what else?) GamePro Online (*http://www.gamepro.com*). To clear things up a bit, we've changed the name of the magazine department to "NetPro," an umbrella term that will cover both the World Wide Web and subscriber services like AOL.

Like the universe, cyberspace is expanding dramatically every day. It's been a helluva big bang so far. At this rate, who knows? Maybe 100 issues from now we'll be having a centennial celebration for "NetPro"!

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GAMES 'N' GEAR

hen I saw all of those glorious Star Wars games in your October '96 issue, I figured at least one of them would be out for the Saturn. But no, not one! What is this? Some kind of conspiracy? Saturn owners—unite to demand Star Wars games for the Saturn! "Agillig"

Internet

Captain Cameron replies:

A Star Wars title may eventually fly over to the Saturn, but it won't be anytime soon. Says Mary Bihr, director of sales and marketing at LucasArts: "LucasArts is certainly open to working with Sega on Star Wars games.... Current resources at Lucas-Arts are focused primarily on games for the PC, with a limited amount of development allocated for the emerging console platforms. It's simply a matter of balancing our existing resources against the mix of available platforms."

Intriguingly, a Sega insider tells us that an all-new Star Wars game (not a port of an existing title) was tentatively scheduled for a late 1996 release, but that game was pushed to late 1997 at the earliest and is more likely to come out (if it ever does) when the next new Star Wars film is released in 1998.

A year ago I received Zombies Ate My Neighbors for the SNES as a Christmas present. I think it's still a fun, challenging, and addictive game. I can't figure out why these video game companies labor to make all of their games with super high-tech graphics. I know there are some people out there who totally disagree with me, but I'd rather be playing a fun



game without super graphics, as long as I'm having a good time. You've got to admit, graphics don't make the game. They help, but the basic gameplay is what really matters. "RobbNest" Internet

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hat was the first game *GamePro* ever reviewed, who was the reviewer, and what was the first game to get a perfect score? Edgar Rivera San Antonio, TX

The Feature Creature replies:

Our first "ProView" ran 99 issues ago (Issue #1, April/May 1989). The game was Operation Wolf for the NES, reviewed by The Eliminator. Actual ratings faces didn't debut until October 1990. The first game to barely miss all-perfect ratings was Mega Man 3 for the NES, which missed in one category (Challenge) in November 1990. The first game to get all perfect scores was Gaiares for the Genesis in our March 1991 issue.



Gaiares, Renovation's dazzlingbut-difficult outer-space shooter, scored perfectly with Dr. Dave six years ago.

CONTROLLER CONTROVERSY

I'm writing to contest your editors who've been praising the new controller for the Nintendo 64. I think it's too small and is uncomfortable to use. In Super Mario 64, I thought Mario was too hard to control. The joystick is the worst thing about the system. **Anonymous** The N64 is not what I expected it to be, mostly because of the controller. Its "third leg" and thumb stick just get in the way. The traditional D-pad would've been much better. "JME Gamer" Internet

READER REPORT

In our October issue we osked new Nintenda 64 owners ta tell us if the long woit for the N64 was worth it. You put up with over two yeors of promises ond delays while waiting for the N64 and its two launch games. Now that yau awn ane, was it oll worth waiting far?



Charlie Garrett of Springfield, Virginia, is one af hundreds of readers asking about Pamela Andersan Lee, whose critically lambasted Barb Wire flick will soon be a video game (see "PraNews," September '96). Plenty af Web sites are devated ta Pamela (one af the best is http://www.pamwatch.com), and here's a regular mailing address for fan letters:

> Baywatch Bay Club P.O. Bax 69249 L.A., CA 90069

I'm writing about the lack af African-American characters in rale-playing games. I've played the entire Final Fantosy series, Zelda, Secret af Mana, and athers, and all I can find are bland, blue-eyed heraes rescuing damsels in distress. Is it that blacks simply have na place in RPGs, ar are the creatars trying to maintain o certain image? Is it really that hord to think up a decent African-American character far RPGs? Johnathan Floyd

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Hong Li, Brooklyn, NY

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By The Watch Dog

Brrrr, that winter chill is setting in. Good thing I have a nice thick coat, except for that bald spot on my butt where I had to gnaw off that infected tick. Too bad I didn't get all of it—hoo boy, I'll be payin' for that later. Till then, here's some help for a few ticked-off consumers.

I feel I've been ripped off. I bought the September issue of *GamePro* because of the Twisted Metal 2 screenshot you had on the front cover. But inside the issue there was no review, no article, nothing. What gives? H. Kantarek Tinley Park, IL

The Watch Dog answers honorably: We blew it, and we're canine enough to admit it. Originally we had a preview of Twisted Metal 2 scheduled to run in the September issue, which is why we put the screenshot on the cover. At the last second we decided to make an editorial change, but we missed the cover screenshot. We had no intention of deceiving anyone.



Twisted tale

An ad for Resident Evil ran on the inside front cover of your May '96 issue. The ad says "Answers are found in darkest corners of the estate cemetery, crumbling guest houses, and a mysterious tower." I've beaten the game with both Jill and Chris many times and have never seen the cemetery, guest house, or tower. Where are they? "SatchMo560"

Internet

The Watch Dog states:

Those locations are mentioned on the game box, too, not just in the ad. Actually, you have seen

them in the game, though they're not exactly as described. A customerservice rep at Capcom told us that the company that created the ad wrote the ad copy about two months before the game was finished in order to meet magazine deadlines. Unfortunately, Resident Evil went through a lot of changes in the last month before it was released on March 29, 1996, and among those sites changed were the cemetery,



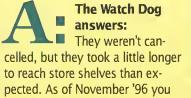
A close-up look at the Resident Evil ad

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guest house, and tower. According to the rep, the game has no formal cemetery, but there is a single grave; the "crumbling guest house" is the guard's house; and the tower mentioned in the ad became the lab. Capcom doesn't consider the ad to be a misrepresentation of Resident Evil because the sites mentioned in the ad do appear, just with different names, and the programmers were only making these last-minute changes in order to perfect the game.

In the "ProNews" section of your August '96 issue, you announced some video game soundtrack CDs made by the Sega Music Group. I haven't been able to find either of the CDs mentioned in any local music stores. Were they cancelled?

Daniel "Gamehead" Lopez Internet





Echoes of Ecco

should have been able to find Spencer Nilsen's evocative *Ecco: Songs of Time* and *PowerCuts 1* (15 tracks from various Sega games). Look for a third CD, *Mr. Bones*, featuring music by rock guitarist Ronnie Montrose, in stores soon.



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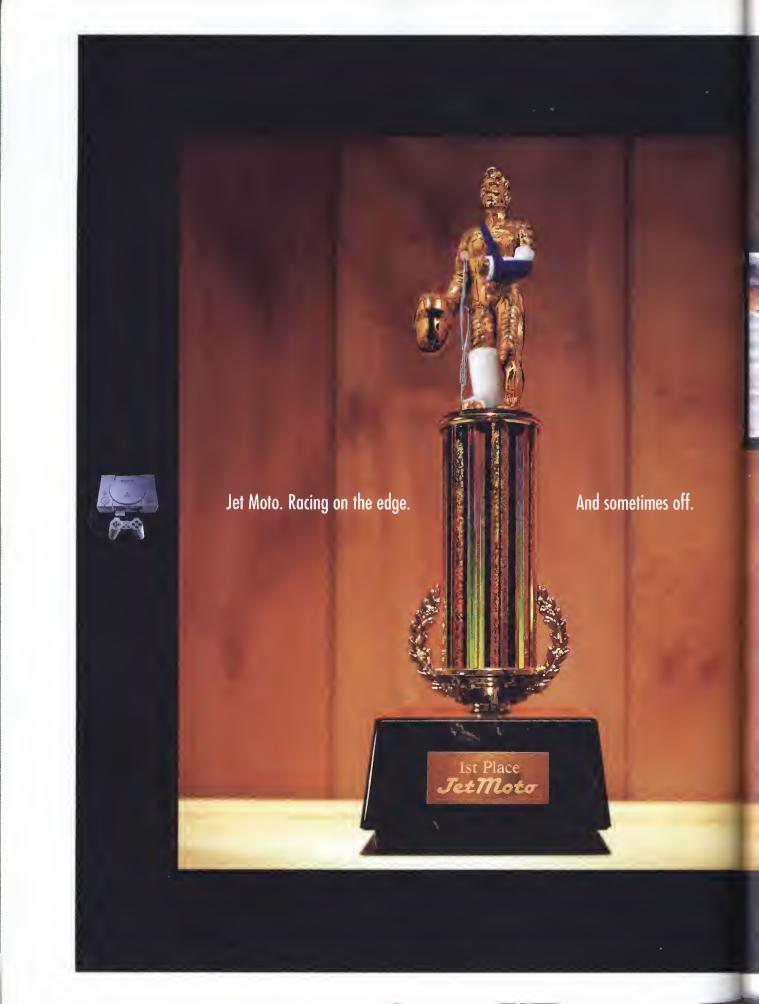
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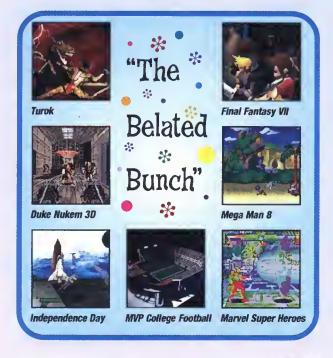
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Big-Name Games Slowed by Delays

To the consternation of eager gamers, several high-profile games expected in stores before Christmas were delayed until early 1997. The Nintendo 64 suffered the biggest blow: Turok: Dinosaur Hunter (from Acclaim) missed the big holiday selling season and is tentatively rescheduled as an early 1997 release.

The Turok delay to February was officially credited to "fine-tuning," even though the near-final version, which was shown exclusively to *GamePro* editors in September at Acclaim's New York headquarters, looked impressive. Once the Turok delay became official in October, insiders suggested that there was more to the delay than a "quality" question. The speculation was that Nintendo was intentionally holding back the game so it would have at least one strong N64 title immediately after Christmas. Acclaim could certainly use a hit right about now: Not only did the company suffer through a dismal financial year that resulted in layoffs (see "ProNews," December 1996) and the appointment of a new president (Greg Fischbach), Acclaim is also being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission over some questionable financial dealings.

In addition to Turok, two other eagerly awaited games had the brakes applied just before Christmas. Duke Nuken 3D, GT Interactive's PlayStation version of the intense PC shooter, won't be out until September 1997, a delay of almost a year from the original launch target. Fox Interactive's Independence Day for the PlayStation and Saturn, which was supposed to come out simultaneously with the movie



video on November 22, 1996, will now rocket onto shelves in late January or February. Check the video for a teaser promo of this behindthe-vehicle shooting game.

Delays and cancellations continued to plague the holiday release schedule. Capcom's Mega Man 8 for the PlayStation and Marvel Super Heroes for the PlayStation 1. Atari Corp.

- 2. 8-bit NES
- 3. Sega CD
- 4. Sega 32X/32X CD

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- 5. 3DD Multiplayer
- 6. TurboGrafX 16
- 7. Neo-Geo/Neo-Geo CD
- 8. CD-i/CD 32
- 9. Virtual Boy
- 10. SNES CD (never released)

and Satum all slipped a couple of months to February, as did Data East's MVP College Football for the PlayStation. Eidos Interactive took the air completely out of Dream Team Basketball for the Play-Station and Satum. That hot property, which would've put Shaq, Olajuwon, Barkley, and other NBA stars

in an international Olympics tourney, was cancelled altogether.

As if there weren't enough U.S. delays, there's even word that the Japanese launch of one of the year's most heavily requested role-playing games, Final Fantasy VII for the PlayStation, was pushed from early December to January, February, or beyond. No word on the U.S. release, which is expected before next summer.

Amidst all this frustrating news about game releases came the first word from a reliable Nintendo source of what will probably be one of the N64's top-selling games: Unable to fit everything he wanted into Super Mario 64, the game's legendary creator, Shigeru Miyamoto, is already working on a sequel, due late in 1997 at the earliest.

Sega Dramatically Cuts Prices on Saturn Games

Now that the Saturn, PlayStation, and Nintendo 64 all cost \$199, how are Sega and Sony going to counter Nintendo's sudden sales momentum? One way is by cutting the prices of the games. With the N64's cartridge games costing consumers over \$60, and with CDs being much cheaper to produce than cartridges, Sega and Sony have started emphasizing their game prices, which have dropped to levels Nintendo may never be able to approach.

Late in the fall Sega fired a noisy volley in this game-price war by slashing the prices on some of its Saturn games to an unheard-of \$19.99. Sega also dropped the ceiling for the highest-priced new games from \$69.99 to \$59.99. Among those games affected by the price cuts are Panzer Dragoon II, World Series Baseball, Bug!, and Clockwork Knight 2. Sega's biggest title of the season is Nights, which was selling out even when priced at \$59.99 (the game comes with a special analog controller).

Sony didn't seem too worried about Sega's new pricing policy. A Sony spokesperson pointed out that Sony's ceiling price for Play-

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Station games has been \$59.95 for a long time, that "value-priced" high-profile games such as Destruction Derby, NFL GameDay, and Twisted Metal had been offered for \$39.95 since last summer, and that no matter what Sega does, the PlayStation is still unofficially outselling the Satum by at least a three-to-one margin.

New Controversy Over Video Game Violence

A new video game controversy has erupted in Great Britain. The subject of parental rage is **Schoolyard Slaughter**, a computer game that has been on sale overseas for a year. In the game, players try to shoot down schoolchildren in a schoolyard.

Angry citizens in the U.K. are mounting a well-publicized campaign against the game because it reminds them of a tragedy that gripped the country a year ago. Last March a gunman slaughtered 16 children and a teacher at a school in the Scottish town of Dunblane.

After the Dunblane tragedy, anti-handgun factions organized the nationwide Snowdrop Campaign, whose members are circulating

Inside Scoop

• Good news for prospective N64 buyers: Responding to a huge consumer demand, Nintendo has changed its shipment plans for the Nintendo 64. Originally Nintendo expected to ship 500,000 N64s to the U.S. by Christmas, but after the system's stunning September success-350,000 systems sold in under three days as further pre-orders poured in to retailers-the company will ship about 1.2 million N64s to the U.S. before the end of the year.

• The list of upcoming N64 games continues to grow. New additions to the 1997 schedule include Lamborghini 64, Titus Software's next-gen version of its hit SNES game Lamborghini American Challenge. This game should race into stores by next summer. Coming later from T·HQ is an exclusive N64 version of World Championship Wrestling that will have mat moves and voices for Ric Flair, Sting, Lex Luger, The Giant, and Hulk Hogan, among others.

 Activision is about to go into the flight-simulation business for the first time. The L.A.-based company recently announced that it has struck a distribution deal with Parsoft Interactive, the creators of the computer games Hellcats Over the Pacific and A-10 Attack! Activision will bring out Parsoft's newest flight sim, A-10 Cuba! (the sequel to A-10



Parsoft Interactive's flight sim A-10 Cuba! will be distributed by Activision in December.

Attack!), by Christmas, plus two more, A-10 Gulf! and Dogfight, later in 1997. All three games are for Windows 95.

• Fans of XBand's brand of online gaming have another XBand product to look forward to. In October, Catapult, makers of XBand modems for the SNES and Genesis, merged with Mpath, creators of the Mplayer online gaming service (see "NetPro," this issue). One of the announcements that came out of the merger was word that an XBand modem is in the works for the Saturn, with release expected by the end of '97. petitions throughout the U.K. in an effort to direct public awareness to gun-control issues. In statements reported by the Reuters news service, Jacqueline Walsh, a Snowdrop member, stated that the game "should never have come into the country in the first place....Computer libraries have to be more vigilant about the images they promote."

Despite the public outcry, the British government has yet to take a stand on the game. The government is still investigating the Dunblane tragedy and is considering whether or not there should be tighter restrictions on gun ownership.

More Layoffs for Video Game Companies

Count American Laser Games as the latest company to quit making its traditional video game products. Following in the footsteps of struggling software companies like JVC and Acclaim, the maker of the Mad Dog McCree, Who Shot Johnny Rock?, and Space Pirates games laid off about a third of its staff in anticipation of a radical change in direction. ALG also replaced founder Robert Grebe with a new president, Jan Claesson. The moves came in response to recent financial losses: Revenues for 1996 will probably be about half of the \$16 million generated back in 1995 when ALG was still aggressively developing arcade and mainstream games for the Sega CD and 3DO.

After the release of the liveaction shooter Crime Patrol for the Saturn this Christmas, ALG has only one more mainstream title in the works: the long-delayed fantasy/adventure Shining Sword for the PlayStation, which doesn't use the company's usual brand of liveaction footage. Instead of live-action games, ALG is now focusing primarily on one aspect of its games development—games for

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Well-known for its live-action shooters like Mad Dog McCree for the 3D0 system...



...American Laser Games has turned to making the fantasy/ adventure game Shining Sword for the PlayStation...



...and is putting a new emphasis on Her Interactive PC titles such as The Vampire Diarles.

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girls. The company's Her Interactive division has just released The Vampire Diaries for PC, with additional PC titles like Sweet Valley High and Nancy Drew Mysteries slated for release in 1997.

Hot News from GamePro Online

America Online users can now get daily game news updates. Use the keyword GAMEPRO to access GamePro Online, then head straight to the Kot News section to get the latest video game news. You can also read daily updates of news in the GamePro Online Web site at http://www.gamepro.com.

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You've been hearing about these wild death matches on the Internet involving PC gamers from all around the world. And you've heard some intriguing names like DWANGO and Quake. But you're still not playing online games, and you want to know how to get hooked up. Read on, gamers, for an introduction to the brave new world of high-powered online gaming.

Basic Differences

There are four main services that enable PC gamers to face each other over the Internet in shooting games like Quake and Doom (sorry, Mac fans, these services don't include you). The four—DWANGO, Mplayer, TEN (Total Entertainment Network), and Engage—have some basic similarities, and a few key differences.

DWANGO, Mplayer, and TEN don't make games, nor do they down-

load tons of complete games for you to play. Mainly they act as go-betweens, connecting gamers who own PC games. In other words, each gamer must own

These companies know that they have to compete aggressively for your time, or they'll go the way of GEnie and the ImagiNation Network. Remember them? Neither do most people.

their own copy of the PC game Doom II if they want to play against other gamers via the DWANGO gaming service; DWANGO then provides the Internet connection.

One thing you'll notice about these multiplayer gaming services is that they often don't have an exclusive lock on the hottest games. For instance, both Mplayer and DWANGO offer Quake, and Mplayer and TEN both have Warcraft I: Orcs & Humans. Mplayer, DWANGO, and TEN can all let you take a spin in Big Red Racing.

Engage, however, differs from DWANGO, Mplayer, and TEN. Engage has its own original games that you jump into online without having to buy a PC version of the game. Engage was created by Interplay Productions, a company that started as a game publisher (it published the ClayFighter and Blackthorne games, among others). Thus, Engage is launching with some of its own games, such as Descent Online and Castles II, that can't be found on any other service. Engage also has deals with other game-making companies for additional exclusive games (Philips Media's Fighter's Duel and Interworld Productions' RoleMaster: Magestorm, for example). When you get Engaged, you start downloading games right away.

Basic Similarities

The four main multiplayer gaming services do have some basic similarities. All offer chat rooms, bulletin boards, and e-mail. For all the services, figure that playing games will usually cost about \$2 an hour (once you've bought the required software).

Best of all, there are frequent deals that enable you to test out the services and play new games for free. Mplayer and Engage offered free beta testing of their services throughout the fall; DWANGO restructured all its fees in September; and TEN is offering special "charter memberships" up through New Year's at reduced rates. TEN, Engage, Mplayer, and DWANGO are trying to learn from the failed efforts of those first multiplayer gaming services, such as GEnie and the ImagiNation network.

Setting Up

Not all ISPs (Internet service providers) are equal, and you need an ISP for all of these online gaming services (except DWANGO, which is played through its own servers, not through the Internet). Most ISPs, such as NetCom, UUNet, and DirectNet, offer PPP (Point to Point Protocol) direct dial-up accounts, which are preferred for TEN and Mplayer (if you don't have an ISP, Mplayer's software includes a free PSINet sign-up

kit for Internet access). Check this Web site http://www.thelist.com to find the different ISPs in your area and a list of their costs and features. Note, too, that having Internet access via AOL, CompuServe, or Prodigy will not enable you to play games on most of these services.

Once you have an ISP and the equipment to play (see sidebar "The Equipment You Need to

The Equipment You Need to Play Online Games

- 486 PC for Engage, TEN, and DWANGO; Pentium processor required for Mplayer and recommended for the others
- Windows 95 (DOS is acceptable for DWANGO)
- 8 megabytes of RAM (16 MB is recommended)
- CD-ROM drive (except for Engage, where everything is downloadable)
- 14.4-baud modem (28.8 is recommended)
- Web browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator
- Optional: joystick, 16-bit sound card for Win 95, speakers, microphone (for Mplayer)

Play Online Games"), each of the main online gaming services has the same basic procedure for enrolling newcomers. From each company's Web site (URLs are given on the following page), you can download a start-up kit that gives you the software you need to register and start playing games. Included in the kit are the company's own software, Internet software, and shareware versions of a few key games like Quake so you can get a taste of online gaming.

An alternative to registering via the company Web sites is to call each company by phone (phone numbers are given on the following page). Order the CD-ROM with the start-up kit, and you're off and running. To engage Engage, you can enroll via its Web site, over the phone, or through its sites on America Online, Prodigy, and CompuServe (currently Engage is the only one of the four main multiplayer gaming services to be on these three online services).

Wherever you register, you're sure to find a whole new way to play. With DWANGO, Mplayer, TEN, and Engage, multiplayer gaming has truly rocketed into cyberspace.



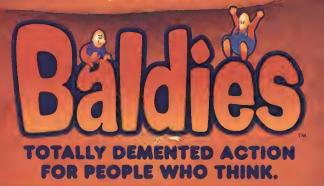




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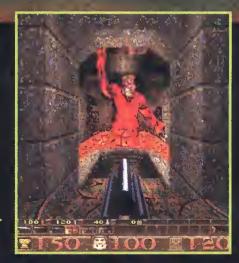
Main games: Shooters-Doom, Doom II, Ultimate Doom, Duke Nukem 3D

Monthly fee: \$7.95 per month (includes unlimited chat and five hours of game time)

Additional 10 hours per month: \$19

Unique features: The world's largest "death match" (head-tohead) tournaments; DWANGO may also have the fastest gameplay of all the services because it uses its own servers scattered in 29 cities around the world

> Quake, id Software's follow-up to the wildly successful Doom, is one of DWANGO's hottest games.



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Mplayer's current lineup of games



As many as 16 players can blast away simultaneously from their combat vehicles In Havoc, coming soon to Mplayer.



Service name: Mplayer, a product of Mpath Interactive, whose partners include Catapult, makers of XBand modems

URL: http://www.Mplayer.com Phone: 888/675-2937

Main games: Shooters–Quake, Terminal Velocity; strategy– Warcraft, Command & Conquer Fees: \$7.95 per month for five hours, then 99 cents per hour; or \$19.95 per month for unlimited hours

Unique features: "Seismic Nation," a collection of special Quake activities and toumaments; real-time speech so you can taunt your opponents while you play

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Service name: TEN (Total Entertainment Network) URL: http://www.ten.net Phone: 800/804-0836

Main games: Shooters-Quake and Duke Nukem 3D; strategy-Magic: The Gathening, Command & Conquer Hourly rate plan: \$9.95 per month (includes five free hours), \$1.95 per hour thereafter

Flat rate fee: \$29.95 per month

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Descend Into the TEN





...the four-player combatvehicle action of Mindscape's Necrodome.

Fees: Not available at press time, but expected to be under \$2 per hour

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Descent Dnline is Engage's explosive shooter.



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Some familiar faces revisit GamePro's past and present.

By The Feature Creature

ver the years GamePro has published the work of many...uh, how should we say...unique writers and editors. What started out in 1989 as an editorial staff of one full-time editor and a handful of freelance writers has grown to a staff of up to 12 fulltime editors for print and online. As long-time readers know, we've never identified the people behind the fictional bylines (The Unknown Gamer, Bro' Buzz, Scary Larry). And we're not going to identify 'em now. But



GamePro was born in the spring of 1989. The four founders-LeeAnne McDermott, executive editor; Patrick Ferrell, publisher; Michael Kavish, art director; and Lynne Kavish, director of production/administration-worked out of their houses in the San Francisco Bay Area. The first few issues appeared every other month until GamePro became a monthly magazine in November. The issues included

ProViews (not ProReviews) with no ratings boxes, a puzzle page, and a Pro Challenge Board for high scores.

The first year introduced fictional personas who represented the small staff and various freelancers. GamePro didn't even have illustrations to accompany the fictional writers' bylines in the first year.

as we recall GamePro's history we will recall for you all the famous and infamous pseudonyms we've ever used in the magazine.

Long-time readers have seen over 200 pseudonyms in GamePro in the last seven-and-a-half years. Many of these personas are the multiple monikers of just a few individuals. In the following retrospective look at GamePro and its GamePros, we've identified some of those multiple personas in parentheses.



Andromeda (still with the magazine!)

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Some of the military personnel who have served over the years:

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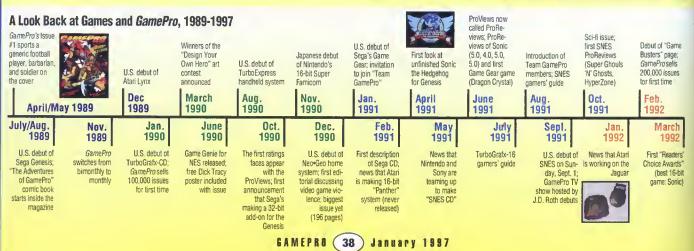


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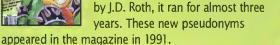


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launched its own TV show in September. Hosted



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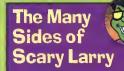
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LamePro Losers

Every April since 1993, GamePro has published "LamePro," an April Fool's Day spoof of the magazine and the video game industry. These illustrious personas (most of them created by Scary Larry) have appeared as "LamePro" writers:

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GamePro was up to around 300 pages (December '94), and the staff was up to ten full-time editors plus two part-time interns. The following list of new names includes two young writers who reviewed a game for us after they won the Blockbuster Video World Game Championship. Can you spot them?

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Bacon (Air Hendrix) **Boss Man Graham**

Char-Li **Cross Eyes**



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Handhelds for the Holidays

DIDDY/KUNG'S QUEST (GAME BOY)

One of the best handheld games of 1995 gets a great sequel in 5.0 1996. As in the 16-bit version, DKL2 introduces Diddy's gal pal Dixie, who uses her helicopter whirl to bash familiar Donkey Kong enemies. The 42 stages of side-scrolling action, hidden areas, bouncy music, and exceptional Game Boy graphics make this the best handheld game of the year.

By Nintendo



The game's hop-n-bop action uses many of the same settings and characters as the 16-blt verslon, including the pirate ship.



As in previous Donkey Kongs, this is a huge game, with lots of areas to explore while you collect bananas and K-O-N-G letters for extra lives.



The X-Men set a good X-ample in this aboveaverage game. Six 4.0 comic-book heroes are on hand ... er. claw-Wolverine, Roque, Cyclops, Gambit, Shard, and Havok-to face the evil Mojo, Magneto, The Agent, Trevor Fitzroy, and others. Each X-Man has a unique mutant power to use in the six levels that take you through futuristic urban settings.

By Sega



Wolvy slashes his adamantium claws at enemies as he explores the New Orleans sewers.



Rogue is a super-strong X-Woman who can go fist-to-fang with a half-human Warwolf.

If you're looking to get your stocking stuffed this holiday, ask Santa for some new handheld games. GamePro rates the nifty gifties that are keeping the Game Boy and Game Gear alive for at least one more holiday season! By The Feature Creature



(GAME BOY)

Tetris Attack updates the age-old Tetris concept by inverting the 4.0 basic action: Instead of blocks falling from the top, now they rise from the bottom. Match up like-colored blocks in four oneplayer modes, or go head to head against a puzzle pal in the fast-paced two-player competition (Game Link Cable required). If you're a puzzle fanatic, go on the attack with this satisfying game.

by Nintendo



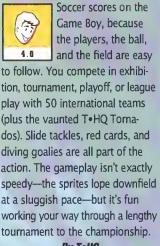
Match three similar blocks to clear them from the board.



Mario characters populate the game to feed you simple story lines and offer you tips.



(GAME BOY)



By T+HQ



Players are easy to delineate and the action Is clear, though it's not too fast.



The Tornados are one of the highest-rated teams in the game.





(GAME GEAR)



You'll probably be seeing double after staring at the ordinary **Bugs Bunny in Double**

Trouble. Signs, enemies, and items are so tiny you'll need a magnifying glass. The mild run-n-jump platform action is enhanced by cameo appearances from famous cartoon characters like Elmer Fudd and Marvin the Martian; still, the jangly music and hard-to-see screens will remind you why the Game Gear is on life support.

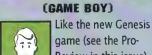
By Sega



You guide Bugs through seven cartoon episodes including Roman Legion Hare.



In Duck Rabbit Duck, you lead Daffy on a chase through the trees with Elmer waiting to blast the loser.



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game (see the Pro-Review in this issue), Pinocchio for the Game

PINOCCHIO Madden 97

3.0

Boy is based on the classic Disney movie. The Game Boy's easy platform action parallels the Genesis game level for level and includes appearances by familiar characters like Geppetto and Lampwick. Disney fans and younger players should find it mildly entertaining.

By T+HQ



Pinocchio rides a roller coaster, floats on balloons, and swims as he searches for Geppetto.



Geppetto and Pinocchio survive a shipwreck Inside Monstro. Setting a fire inside the whale causes him to expel Geppetto's makeshift raft.

word of Hope (GAME BOY)



Fans of Sword of Hope should like this average seguel, because they're almost identical.

The standard RPG gameplay features frequent encounters with monsters, but it's so slow and repetitive that you'll put all the battles on Auto to let the characters fight it out for themselves.





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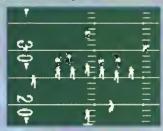
Unfortunately, when oozing and flying monsters attack, the lengthy turn-based battles are too slow to be enjoyable.

(GAME BOY)

The sheer number of players keeps everything small and slow in Madden '97. The

ball is atom-sized and players stagger down the field (if possible, play it on a Super Game Boy). The only license is Madden himself, which means generic teams and numbers. You do get realistic plays and strategy, making this a thinking gamer's game, but not one for bone-jarring action.

By T+HQ



Don't lose sight of your ballcarrier; once he gets into the line he'll almost disappear among the white Jerseys.



Team ratings are based on last year's performances.

Fattle 20ne/Super Breakout

Want to replay 1978 games? Of course you don't. This lame cart 1.0 won't change your mind, either. Battle Zone is a slow shooter with the sparest vector graphics imaginable, but it looks like Super Mario 64 compared to Breakout, the old Atari variation on Pong where you aim the puck at colored blocks. This no-button game has you sliding your paddle back and forth-it gets old fast.

By T+HQ

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Like its 32-bit cousin.

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this cool little racer gives you lots of ways to race. Compete in

road races against one other driver or against a whole field; play soccer, using your car to nudge the ball into the goal; or try Rumble, a brutal sprint around a circular track. The characters are cartoony, and the racing's decent. Multiplayer racing is an option if you have a Game Link.





Choose from eight wildly different racers, from monstrous Frank to glant Sumo to sexy Surf. Each Is rated in five racing skills.

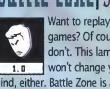


The Rumble puts you on a circular track for some high-speed bashing and crashing.

(GAME BOY)



Battle Zone enemies include tanks, ships, and even jets; only the explosions rescue the feeble graphics.





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it is alive with the instruments of death.

even the walls want to KIII you.

the speed hurts.

trigger finger blisters.

no turning back. welcome to your tomb.

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OVERSEAS PROSPECTS An International View on Video Games

Castlevania X: Moonlight Nocturne for the PlayStation is due to hit Japan in early '97, with a domestic release to follow soon after.



By Nob Ogasawara, Naoki Kakiuchi, and Major Mike

After vanquishing his father, Count Dracula, with the help of Trevor Belmont in Castlevania III: Dracula's Curse for the NES, Alucard sealed himself in eternal sleep to forever end the cursed Dracula bloodline—or so he thought. Alucard awakens from his dreamless sleep with the certain dreadful knowledge that his father lives again!

Yes, it's the latest sequel to Konami's classic Castlevania horror-action series, Castlevania X: Moonlight Nocturne, a direct follow-up to Castlevania: Dracula X for the PC Engine.

Five years after being put down by Richter Belmont, Dracula is back! Joining



Alucard this time around are Dracula X veterans Richter Belmont and Maria Larned (Maria was the young captive girl who was later saved from the sacrificial altar by Richter). At the moment, however, these two characters are only scheduled to make cameo appearances.

As of now, the only known playable character is Alucard,





although Richter is supposedly playable only at the beginning of the game. Whereas the usual weapon in a Castlevania game has been a whip, Alucard now uses a long sword. However, other weapons, such as daggers

and rods, are also available. Being of mixed blood, both human and vampire, Alucard

can transform into a wolf or dissolve into mist.

New to the se-

ries is protective armor, such as shields and capes, some of which have special powers. For example, the shield can absorb fireball attacks. Singleuse weapons and recovery items have also been added. Of course, the traditional weapons like a cross, holy water, and an axe, which use the famous Castlevania stored hearts, will also be available.

There are a dozen stages at the moment, played within





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a castle and its courtyard. which include a library and a chapel. However, these stages aren't that well defined-vou will need to collect special items to enter certain inaccessible areas. So, in a sense, this game has an RPG element to it. Zombies, skeletons, bats, and the usual assortment of beasties and undead will be out in force, including tough mid-bosses from the original Dracula X. Since this game is on CD, count on spooky, computer-generated movie clips and adrenaline-chilling sounds.

Looks like Castlavania is going to take a bite out of the PlayStation and draw some serious blood!

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By Major Mike

Crusader: No Remorse Saturn PlayStation

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3. Dark Sun by Data East (PlayStation) 4. Team 47 Goman by 47 Tek (PlayStation) 5. Super Turrican 2 by Dcean (Super NES)

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(PlayStation)



The popular PC action title goes console. Look out, Project Overkillhere comes Crusader: No Remorse,

Controls



Crusader uses a complex button scheme that takes advantage of every button on the controller. Your hero, Silencer, can run, jump, shoot, and use a variety of special weapons-there's so much that memorizing the various functions takes real concentration.





Gameplay & Fun Factor



Crusader is more than blasting enemies and coloring the hallways crimson; it is also loaded with puzzles, traps, hidden areas, and other strategy elements.

Graphics & Sound



The game is early in development, so the characters and surroundings look a little rough around the edges. However, the explosions are very colorful, and there's blood and gore galore. The gunfire is still on the tinny side, and enemies' screams sound like Pee-Wee Herman.













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Meet this Spider, man. You play a scientist trapped in the body of a small cybernetic tarantula, out to avenge the espionage team responsible for trashing your labs. Beautifully rendered levels, from a city sidewalk to a burned-out lab, enhance the gameplay, which also involves hanging and swinging from a tenuous thread and crawling under tables and ledges.

It's enough to give you a bad case of the willies, and the 30 levels offer tons of variety. The weapons you pick up (different metallic "legs" which shoot missiles, spew fire, and so on) are well thought out and in-



corporated seamlessly into the spider's body. Spider has bite—we'll keep an eye on this one as they work out the bugs. —Scary Larry





MechWarrior 2 PlayStation Saturn

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One of the top PC games is heading to 32-bit country as Mech-Warrior 2 makes the leap to the PlayStation and Saturn: Based on the popular BattleTech board games, Mech 2 plunges you into the cockpit of one of 12 mean, monstrous BattleMechs that loom like

skyscrapers but fight like tanks on steroids. Before the fray, you must swear loyalty to either the Jade Falcon Clan or the Wolf Clan, then customize your mech from a choice of more than 20 weapons. The mech-versus-mech mayhem goes down in more than 16 missions on

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Developed by Boss Game Studios

60% COMPLETE

Published by BMG Interactive

Available February

ice planets, in grimy urban settings, and on harsh desert worlds. Mech pros can take on the Career mode, which puts you to the

> test in a long string of missions that reward success with upgraded equipment. —Air Hendrix

> > Developed by Quantum Factor Published by Activision Available February 40% COMPLETE

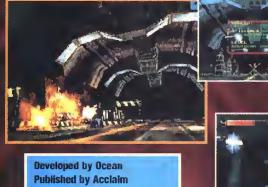




Tunnel B1

This unique little game crept under the door one day and surprised us all. It's a dark and stylish corridor/vehicle shooter where you glide down ominous alleys, blasting away gun turrets, road blocks, and other obstacles. There are also mis-

sion objectives to fulfill and weapon power-ups to gather. Excellent light-sourcing highlights this game, as corridors light up when explosions occur. Now if they could just tune up the gameplay, which borders on dull, this could be a hot sleeper title.---Scary Larry



Available January

90% COMPLETE



Fans of the classic adventure series Pitfall can now stop holding their breath: Pitfall Harry, Jr. is set to debut on the PlayStation this spring. In this new polygon-rich 3D environment, Harry will do lots of dimensional jumping and fighting in 24 levels that will include mines, volcanoes, and floating islands.

Although the videotape we saw was very preliminary, Pitfall 3D looks like more fun for Harry.



Tough monsters and more of Harry's trademark jumping should equal long hours of rewarding gameplay. Let's hope Harry hurries onto the Play-Station.—Scary Larry







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Broken Helix

Broken Helix combines Doom's first-person shooting with Resident Evil's puzzle-solving. As part of an elite Special Forces unit, you must crawl, run, jump, and blast your way through several huge levels. Not all the action involves shooting: There are several strategic

mission objectives to be completed in each level, and failure to achieve any of them could mean game over!

With topnotch sound effects-including voice-overs provided by Bruce Campbell of Evil Dead movie fame-and excellent light sourcing, Helix has the makings of a formidable title. -Major Mike

Developed by KCEC Published by Konami Available First Quarter '97

20% COMPLETE







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One of the coolest-looking games at E3 last summer, Amok

has taken a while to get to this 80% revision. The gameplay that

wowed us six months ago looks pretty tame now-especially when compared to recent mechbased games like Gun Griffon and MechWarrior 2. But it's still a fun and engaging shooter.

The action takes place underwater and on solid ground. You pilot a mech called a Slambird through some intense levels, firing at cleverly rendered sharks, soldiers, and other mechs. The action is

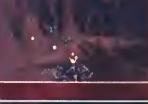
fast and hard—you'll take plenty of hits, and return a few in kind. The game includes hardware like missiles, mini-guns, and bombs. This game might run Amok on your Saturn this Christmas. -Scarv Larrv





Developed by Take 5 Interactive Published by Sega Available December '96

80% COMPLETE









Wild 9s is another project from Shiny Entertainment, the group behind Earthworm Jim. From the few screens we've seen, this action/adventure run-n-gunner looks like another blockbuster in the making. The

smooth rendered backgrounds, wildly imaginative characters and enemies, and engaging story line point to another sure-fire success for Shiny.

Here's the story line: Wex Major, an earthling teenager orphaned during an alien attack, lands on a remote planet and comes across eight other teenagers who team up with

him to crush the intergalactic badass Karn. We have the highest hopes for Wild 9s.-Scary Larry **Developed by Shiny Published by Interplay Available First Quarter '97**

10% COMPLETE



Apocalypse

Activision also has something in the works for you shooter fans out there. It's a 3D run-ngun game called Apocalypse, featuring some cool rendered characters and a variety of perspectives. The camera is in constant motion, from over-theshoulder to a side view to an overhead angle, as you roll, strafe, crouch, and jump through the bizarre levels.

There are several modes of play, including a driving level. Apocalypse looks like a promising prospect—a creepy Resident Evil clone with a flair for firepower.---Scary Larry

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Scorcher Saturn

Scorcher is a racing game that involves using the human body as the vehicle. This 60 percent version shows that the game needs some vast improvements, including longer tracks and more exciting gameplay. The dark, moody environments get confusing sometimes, but Scorcher has promise.—Scary Larry



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Starwinder PlayStation

This new racing game, which blends elements of Wipeout and Cyberspeed, is fast but unexciting. It involves racing through a futuristic, broken-down tube and blasting opponents while racing toward timed goals. More enemies, faster action, and varied tracks will help make this a Star. —Scary Larry

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Dare Devil Derby PlayStation

At first glance, this 90 percent preview version seemed like it could be written off as another bad racing game because of its poor controls. Upon closer inspection (and many hours of gameplay), it's actually fun and addicting. You have to get used to the controls, but once you do, the game becomes more involving. If the control problems are addressed, this could be a great game.—*Scary Larry*





Developed by Scavanger

60% COMPLETE

Published by Sega

Available now

SNK fans now have a PlayStation alternative; unfortunately, this 90 percent preview shows that this game is a bad alternative. Choppy, syrupy gameplay and terrible controls are going to make this game one sad prospect—stick a fork in this one, 'cuz it's done and probably won't satisfy any fighting fans.—*Scary Larry*



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by Mindscape

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Based on the tough-as-nails shooter that debuted on the SNES almost five years ago, SWIV is another chopper/tank/vehicle destruction game that looks good so far. This early version shows some different rendered terrain and stylish, detailed vehicles. Looks like Return Fire may have some competition.---Scary Larry





This sharp corridor shooter, which features more Doom-like gunning, looks pretty cool. Nicely rendered cinemas (including a very John Woo-ish shooting scene) and a battalion of weapons make this early version of XS look like a hot prospect. Hopefully, the game will play as good as the demo tape we saw of it. *—Scary Larry*





Mega Man 8

The blue boy is back, and although he's been redrawn and recolored with a 32-bit palette, this CD game is basically the same side-scrolling action you saw on the SNES. This time, MM flies with Rush through the air and picks up other buddies, like a bomb-dropping bird, a huge robot, and more. The tried-and-true ability to pick up and use the bosses' special weapons-like tornadoes, bombs, and ice beams-are also implemented. Fans of da man will want this one. -Scarv Larry

Developed and published by Capcom **Release date not available 50% COMPLETE**



5onic 3D Blast Saturn

by Sega

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Sonic's back with a 32-bit rev on last year's 16-bit title. Not much has changed-the levels look slightly more rendered, Sonic looks a little smoother, and the colors pop a little more. However, it's the same ³/₄-overhead





dash-andgather gameplay as its 16-bit brother. If you're a slave to Sonic, look to this to slake your thirst.---Scary Larry





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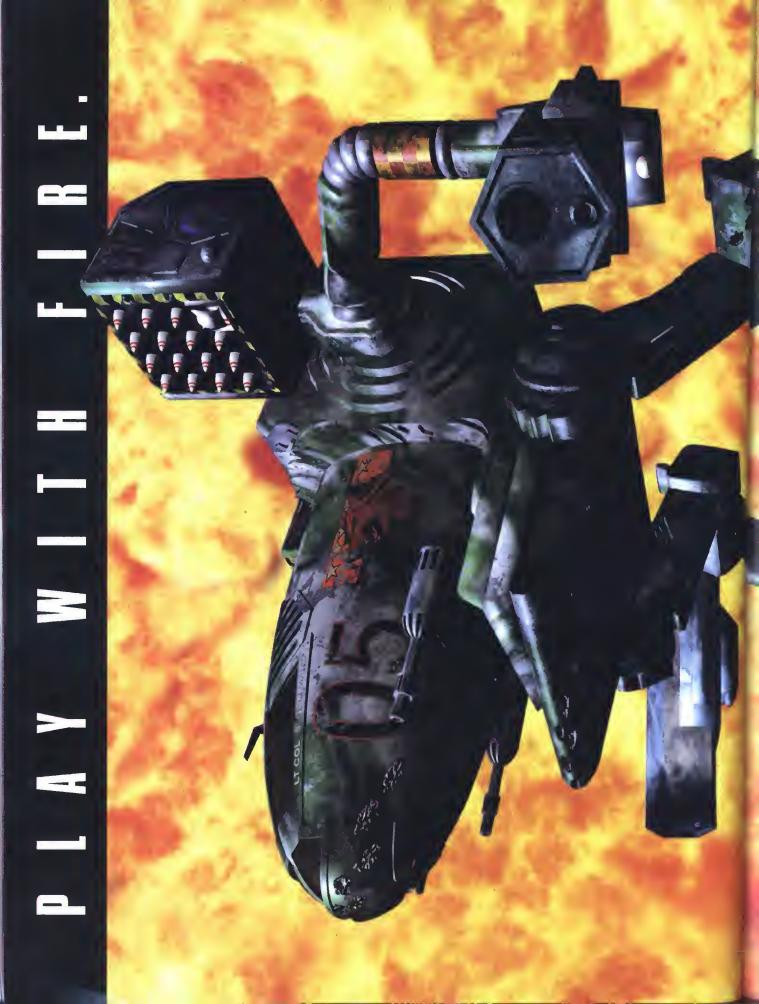






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oonstruck is an enjoyable pointand-click adventure filled with perplexing puzzles, great graphics, personality, and humor, Although it lags at times, it contains an excel-

By Major Mike

lent blend of puzzle-solving and cartoon animation. It's like an interactive Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

TRAPPED IN TOONLAND

In Toonstruck, you play an overworked cartoonist, aptly named Drew Blanc (played by Christopher Lloyd), who becomes trapped in his own cartoon world. Together with his buddy Flux, another of his cartoon creations, Drew must not only find a way back to

Earth, but he must save the cartoon world he created.

Flawless controls help you execute every movement nicely and are perfect for the simple point-and-click play engine. As you move Drew and Flux

around the cartoon world, gathering clues and collecting objects, the

pointer changes shape whenever you pass over a useful interactive object. However, you don't have to just rely only on Drew to solve puzzles and beat tough situations. Flux also has useful skills, such as squeezing through small doorways and reaching inaccessible areas, to name a few.

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Excellent graphics flesh out the plot and bring the animated world to life. All the cartoon animation moves fluidly and the integration of Blanc's live action video into the animated world is, for the most part, seamless. The only exceptions are the long cinemas that look a bit grainy and the close-ups of Drew, which suffer from pixelization.

Whimsical themes that play like they came out of a Saturday morning cartoon compose the sound. The voices (by a variety of stars including Tim Curry and Dom DeLuise) are clear and audible.

YAD, YAD, YAD

If there is anything that detracts from Toonstruck, it's the dialogue. The game tends to get bogged down with too much talking. There are self-indulgent speeches, bad puns, and jokes that are repeat-

PROTIP: To get the key to the king's bedroom, have the two palace guards do their dance. The guard on the left drops the key when he starts dancing.





To open the secret passage in the king's bedroom, go to his dresser and open all the drawers except the middle two.

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To get rid of the pesky footman, have Flux stand on the loose floorboard in the secret room. Then launch him up to the trap door. Return to the king's bedroom and ring the bell. As the footman enters, step on the trapdoor and fall through the floor.



PROTIP: To catch the mouse in the pub, chase it over to the front of the mouse trap. Then have Drew play the organ. While Drew is playing, have Flux operate the trap.



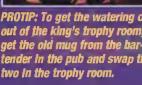
PROTIP: To get the watering can out of the king's trophy room, get the old mug from the bar-tender in the pub and swap the

edly pounded into your head. The chatter becomes tedious, but because most of the clues are gathered by talking to various characters, you may miss important clues if you bypass the dialogue. How much this detracts from the game probably depends on how patient vou are.

Even though it talks too much, Toonstruck provides hours of puzzles and fun. You'll be struck by this unique blend of animation and live action.



Characters like Fluffy Fluffy Bun Bun are so annoyingly cute, you'll wish you could strangle them.



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- 8. Quake
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- 10. TIE: Faicon 3.0 & MechWarrior 2

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ZPC: No Flesh Shall Be Spared



If ZPC had been released a few years ago, its eye-catching 2D visuals would have probably garnered more acclaim. When you factor in the standard Doom-style action, however, only gamers intrigued by

its unique Russian-propaganda look will spend their time here.

Gun-Toting Savior

In ZPC's grim future, you play as Arman, a messiah charged with saving humanity from a tyrannical government. In terms of gameplay, that translates into blasting through hordes of enemy soldiers from a first-person perspective. Potent weapons—such as tesla guns, vaporizers, and chi punches—balance the equation.

For most players, the graphics will make or break the ZPC experience. Aidan Hughes, the artist behind KMFDM's videos, fashioned a stark, somber visual style that many will find extremely appealing. In these days of 3D flair, though, Duke Nukem and Quake pros will likely look upon ZPC's antiquated 2D style with little more than scorn. The excessive pixelization in close doesn't help, either.

Ministering Doom

The conventional gameplay falls squarely in line with all of Doom's hallowed canons: Spray out the ammo and watch the blood splatter. The controls handle fine throughout, supplying all the standard moves except jumping.

On the sound side, ZPC rocks with awesome, moody tunes by members of Ministry that set just the right eerie mood. Solid



Screamer 2 screeches onto the PC with the kind of addictive fender-bashing found in console titles like Daytona. But here's the catch: To get both decent graphics and speed on this track, you really need something in the Pentium 166 range.

Starting Line

This day at the track begins by choosing from 16 cars and three courses—with three additional tracks opening up as you progress through the championships. To win, racers need to tune their cars to suit each of the track's conditions, customizing details like suspension and tire pressure.

The impressive 3D graphics portray well-detailed tracks and realistically moving cars. The flat audio, however, fizzles with tame music and repetitive sound effects.

Chugging Along

Screamer 2 gets off to a nice start, but performance issues drag it to a grinding halt. Unless your system ranks in the upper Pentium echelons, you're stuck in lo-res mode, where blocky mounds of pixels somehow represent opposing drivers. Even if you risk hi-res on a Pentium 90, you'll feel like you're watching a slide show.

However, when it's rockin' on a high-end rig, Screamer 2's gameplay will glue racing buffs to the screen. It's raucous arcade action all the way as you ram opponents, set up power skids, and

explosions, voices, weapon clatters, and other effects keep the combat moving.

In the end, enjoying ZPC boils down to the quirky but cool graphics. If you like 'em, the decent gameplay comes alive. Otherwise, Quake awaits....



Not for the faint of heart! Arman blasts apart two foot soldiers with his machine pistol.



PROTIP: If your health meter's full, leave the tear-shaped health-ups behind for now. They don't disappear, and on the later levels, you'll need to return for them.



PROTIP: Keep an eye on how many rounds are left in your clip. The delay in reloading leaves you vulnerable.



so on. The controls provide a nice feel for the different handling of each set-up, but the tricky steering definitely requires practice.

If you've got the power, Screamer 2's got breakneck racing action. It's too bad all those gamers with medium-level hardware are left eating dust.





PROTIP: The key to tight handling is beginning to steer and countersteer just before and after the turn.

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PROTTP: Pass opponents on turns by taking the inside line and skidding out.

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Descent, the trend-setting 360-degree shooter, gets deeper with its sequel. Descent II: Infinite Abyss is actually a combination of three products: a new Windows 95 ver-



sion of Descent II with 3D acceleration; Descent II: The Vertigo Series, which provides 20 new levels, 10 new robots, new audio effects, and cinemas; and the Descent II Mission Builder, which enables you to construct your own levels and build your own



enemy robots. If you don't want the whole package you can purchase the Vertigo Series separately. Time to go down again.---*Major Mike*

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XCar: Experimental Racing 🚥

Bethesda's cooking up the latest twist on racing action with XCar. This sim drops you behind the wheel of 16 high-speed cars to explore the cutting edge of racing: experimental prototypes. XCar lets you customize every element of your futuristic vehicle, then check it out on test tracks so you can use telemetry readings to make

last-minute adjustments. The flag drops on 10 courses in either a tricked-out Sim mode or an easier Arcade mode. Up to eight players can toe the line over a network or modem.—*Air Hendrix*

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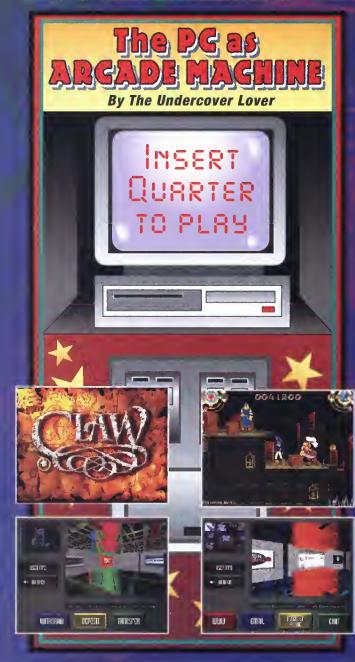


New Sonic "3D Blast" for Sega Saturn is a three-dimensional trip through 14 levels of spinning, slipping, jumping, and stomping. There's fog. There's rain. There's snow. There's Robotnik. And if things get hectic, there are new moves like The Blast Attack to put nasties in their place. So power up, head for Saturn, and prepare for a Sonic adventure that is not of this earth.

SATURN







ersonal computers are preparing to take over the arcades. The National Amusement Network Inc. (NANI) and Microsoft have teamed up to create a national network system that will link PC-based arcade game systems for multiplayer gaming via...what else? ...the Internet.

In the NANI design, arcade gamers will play on units (designed according to Microsoft specifications) that are open-platform PC systems, supporting Windows NT 4.0 and Windows 95. The CPU will be in the Pentium 200 class, possibly a dual P200 processor system with a 3D graphics accelerator. The game interface will feature typical joysticks and action buttons, but controls will also include trackballs and built-in keyboards.

National Competition

The NANI network has radical implications for arcade and PC gaming. In the arcades, gamers across the country will be able to compete in multiplayer contests via the Internet with prizes including cash. Arcade operators will be able to inexpensively upgrade or swap games as readily as you might install a game on a home PC. Then using off-the-shelf versions, home PC players will be able to connect online and compete against arcade players.



NANI and Microsoft, however, have more in mind than just games. All units will connect to the Internet, so some will be configured to also enable you to check e-mail or to surf the Web.

A System with Teeth...and Claw

The NANI team certainly has the guns with which to make gamers and arcade operators



alike stop and listen. In addition to NANI, which is part of the AMOA (the Amusement and Music Operators Association), and Microsoft, Electronic Data Systems is also a major player. EDS, which is well-known as a major ATM network designer, created the network backbone. Game makers currently onboard include Williams/Bally-Midway, Viacom, Paramount, and Monolith Productions.

In fact, Monolith's Claw will be among the first NANI games. Claw is a 16-level sidescrolling adventure game. The action occurs in an animal universe where you play a felinelike pirate named Claw. According to Monolith, Claw will support up to 256 players via the NANI network.

Token Gameplay

The beauty of the NANI setup is that it makes porting arcade games to PCs, and vice versa, a no-brainer. The system could make the Internet truly a people's games environment.

RATING PC GAMES

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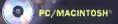
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HOT AT THE ARCADES

By Nob Ogasawara and Bruised Lee

Capcom's latest arcade creation presents an interesting new twist in fighting gameplay. In WarZard, you have a choice of playing as one of four characters—a ninja, a wizard, a martial arts expert, or a warrior with a lion's head. Initially, their abilities are somewhat limited, but by defeating enemies, you obtain experience points that can be cashed in for power moves and weapons. Not only can your fighter carry over these enhancements to subsequent bouts, but beefedup fighters can be saved via a password system so they don't have to start from zero every time you play. Other than this innovation in character develop-

ment, the game's fighting system shouldn't be a mystery to anyone familiar with Capcom's other 2D fighting games such as Street Fighter Alpha 2, Darkstalkers, and X-Men.





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Terror from the Crate: Conjure up creepy monsters by hitting the crate to start multi-ball action and collect a jackpot.

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Stiff-O-Meter: Shoot against the clock to get multi-ball play.

Night of the Leapers: Watch frogs jump off the playfield.

Scared Stiff is a hair-raising pinball game that takes a stab at B-movies—with none other than Elvira as your host! The playfield animates six tales of terror, with props right out of a horror movie, including a ramp made of bones, a corpse-filled coffin, and lifelike frogs that actually leap against the protective glass surface.

START

The game also features an interactive 3D backglass where players try to stop a spinning spider for secret awards. Scared Stiff is designed for players of all skill levels, so anyone should be able to walk up and quickly jump into the action. An alien conspiracy

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Re-Loaded (By Interplay) **By Malor Mike**

Price not Action available 2 players **Available** 12 levels



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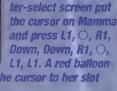
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floats over onto Sister Magpie's slot. Move the cursor to her slot and Fwank is now playable.

Control T

The simple running, 4.5 strafing, and shooting mechanics are blessed with nearperfect controls. Movement becomes sluggish and imprecise only when you're navigating hills and steep cliffs.



PROTIP: To play as

Fwank, at the charac-

The puzzles and deliber-4.0 ate pacing are excellent additions, but some may find the game too slow and plodding. In either case, Re-Loaded is worthy of its predecessor, delivering a good bang for your buck.

Fun Factor

Cover Feature

PROTIP: In the Foundry stage, tag the sprinkler system before walking over the giant vats of molten steel.

Various cinemas flesh out the characters, especially the opener for Sister Magpie!

arning: This is not the same Loaded your parents warned you about. Although Re-Loaded retains the bloody elements of its predecessor, this time the focus is on strategy and puzzle solving... and the difficulty has been pumped up a notch!

A Kinder, Gentler Loaded?

You'll notice the differences with Re-Loaded immediately, especially with the enemies who do a lot more damage. Their power forces you to move slowly and proceed carefully through the stages, making the gameplay different from the reckless run-and-gun forays of the first game. There are even stages where the objective is to save people! Although a few stages rely solely on run-and-gun skills, they're few and far between.

This sequel takes place right after Loaded, with you in hot pursuit of FUB's buddy, Cheb (a sick galactic wannabe ruler who framed you). The game takes you from the tropics to city streets, and even to a monastery where monks throw grenades, pack some righteous firepower, and beat you to a bloody pulp in seconds with sticks.

Graphics

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The blood and carnage 4.0 are colorful, the character cinemas superb, and the stages well-rendered with excelient light-source effects. However, the action gets choppy and slow when the screen is too full.



The wet slap of enemies 4.5 biting the dust, death screams, and gun discharges are excellent. The music, varying from hard rock to mellow synthesizers, fits perfectly with each stage.



PROTIP: In the Das Boot stage, shoot the giant crates from a distance; there are giant tanks inside that will give chase and crush you under their treads!



PROTIP: In the Oasis stage, beware of the guys in the hats; they can still roll boulders, even if they are not on a cliff above you.

PROTIP: In the Town stage, shoot the wooden structures next to the buildings. They'll explode and reveal elevators that go to the rooftops.



New Characters

Both games have six characters. However, Re-Loaded has a hidden character, Fwank.

What's New?

Interactive Elements



Re-Loaded has interactive elements like rocks and switches.

Lighten Up!



Several stages are set outdoors in daylight.

New Map



The map feature has been enhanced. It shades out areas aiready visited to keep you from traveling in circles.

Multi-Tiered Levels



Enemies assault you from above. in the Barracks stage, sentry guns fire down from high embankments, and in the Oasis stage, enemies roli boulders.



PROTIP: In the Barracks stage, when you enter the compound, head to the left. There is a truck at the end of the walkway that reveals a first aid kit when you destroy it.

The Good, the Bad, and the Real Bad

Four returning characters (Cap 'N Hands, Bounca, Mamma, and Butch) and two newcomers (The Consumer and Sister Magpie) compose the dirty half-dozen of playable psychos, who each have varying strengths and weaknesses. Of the two new characters, Magpie is the



PROTIP: in the Monastery stage, fure the monks in white robes near the tail crystals. Their sonic blasters are the only weapons that can smash the crystals.

best—she packs excellent firepower and moves quickly.

At the end, the game goes overboard and gets too disgusting. Your final mission is to destroy a giant mutated Cheb, who is strapped to a table. You travel across his body, shooting his eyes, nose, teeth...and other parts of his anatomy. This stage is definitely not for the faint-hearted.

Not Just a Re-Hash

Loaded fans will definitely want to take a look at Re-Loaded. It adds enough new and diverse elements to rise above the "more of the same" stigma, yet manages to keep the core aspects that made the original game so much fun. Time to re-load and go back for more!



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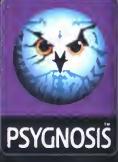


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he WWF series tumbles off the top rope with WWF: In Your House, a title full of promise and potential that ultimately gets pinned in its quest for the championship.

In Your House offers a fistful of features, including 10 of the fiercest World Wrestling Federation superstars from Shawn Michaels to Vader, each with a unique background. You can wrestle a complete WWF season, or go straight for the gold of the World or Intercontinental title belt. The most mat-tastic new option is the four-player free-for-all, where players rumble in a last-man-standing-wins grudge match. Disappointingly, some features

that were once promised by Acclaim, like the inclusion of super-model/manager Sunny and the ghost of Andre the Giant, are not in the game.

The action is fast and furious, but it usually takes only 20 seconds to defeat an opponent, with moves looking more like Mortal Kombat than the WWF. Some maneuvers appear sloppily animated and unpolished, especially when compared to the dynamically detailed holds performed in Activision's Power Move Pro Wrestling (see ProReview this issue). WWF fans will flock to this house, but most gamers will room with Power Move.



PROTIP: Owen Hart's card shuffle is performed by tapping \downarrow , \rightarrow , Kick.



PROTIP: Ahmed Johnson's Pearl River Plunge Is performed by tapping \leftarrow , \leftarrow , Super Kick from a headhold,

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PROTIP: Charge Super Punch for three seconds and release to do Bret Hart's Crucifixion.



PROTIP: Charge Punch for three seconds and release to turn Vader Into a bison.



PROTIP: Power Slam opponents as the British Bulldog by tapping \rightarrow , \rightarrow ,

Graphics The wrestlers look life-

like but they're too

small. Moreover, their moves

lack the detail and impact of

Power Move Pro Wrestling.



PROTIP: Tap \downarrow , \rightarrow , Punch to do the Undertaker's Sliding Choke Grab.

Fun Factor

WWF fanatics who don't 3.5 mind strikingly short matches should step into this ring. Everyone else would be better off renting before buying.



Sound

Mr. Perfect and Vince 3.5 McMahon provide color commentary that is funny at times, but far too repetitive.



Moves are easy to perform, but there's little

3.5 skill involved in winning matches beyond rapidly pounding the punch and kick buttons.

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Mortal Kombat Trilogy (By Midway)

By Major Mike



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For MK fans, this is the game to get. It's all the MK you could ever want and more.



Graphics

The game looks almost 4.5 identical to the arcade game, with all the stages and carnage Intact. However, some of the fatalities have been altered, like Baraka's Blade Impale where the victim doesn't squirm.



Control

While lightning fingers 4.5 are required to execute the standing button-tap combos, the controls are very responsive.



Sound

All the music selections 3.0 sound like a 45 record played at 33 RPM. However, all the grunts, groans, and other fighting sounds are Intact, though the announcer's voice tends to blank out at times.



ortal Kombat Trilogy for the PlayStation has it all: the characters, the special and finishing moves, and more from the arcade game. While the new added features (such as playable bosses)

are attractive, they aren't what makes this a great game. The key here is solid one-on-one gameplay.

Trilogy has excellent, responsive controls for intense head-to-head gameplay, especially when you compete in a tag-team, two-on-two mode. By contrast, the one-player modes are weak; the computer plays too defensively, or schools you in a matter of seconds.

While one of the best features is having an MK lineup of at least 37 Kombatants, the biggest disappointments are the playable boss characters-Goro, Motaro, Shao Kahn, and Kintaro, They have no fatalities, very limited special moves and combos, and their blows inflict massive damage, making it easy to defeat opponents. It would have been nice if they were more in line with the other fighters. Non-boss additions, like Noob Saibot and Rain, however, are excellent fighters and welcome additions to the MK family.

In short, this is the best MK yet, if not for the great gameplay, then for the huge number of fighters. Even with its flaws, MK Trilogy is a must for any fighting gamer's library.



PROTIP: When fighting as Shang Tsung with the limited morph (for no load times) against a ninja character, you can morph Into other ninja characters without selecting them.

Old Fighters, **New Moves**

Kano from MK



PROTIP: Kano now has a Windmill Blade Spin! To do the move, tap \leftarrow , \rightarrow , and press High Punch

Kung Lao from MKII 1115-00 WINE O



in MKII. Tap \leftarrow , \leftarrow , \rightarrow , and he

similar to Rayden's.

will execute a "superman" move





PROTIP: Press Select on the following characters at the fighter-select menu: Rayden, Kano, Jax, and Kung Lao. When you do, you can play them as they appeared in previous MK entries.



PROTIP: A move that was in the early test versions of MKII is now in Trilogy. To do Baraka's Spinning Blade Attack, motion $\rightarrow \downarrow \$ and press Block.





PROTIP: Rayden now has a tricky Reverse Lightning Blast. To do the move, motion $\downarrow \checkmark \leftarrow$ and press LP.

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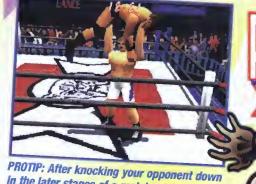




PROTIP: Drag your opponent toward the middle of the ring before slapping on a submission hold, because if you're near the ropes, the ref will make you break the hold.



PROTIP: If your opponent is wobbly and near a tumbuckle, push him into the corner and holst him onto the ropes for a Superplex.



In the later stages of a match, pick him

up by the hair to make him dizzy, then use moves like the Press Slam to

2 players

Pro Wrestling



PROTIP: High-risk maneuvers are great when they work, but when they don't they can cost you the match.



PROTIP: When the match is at its earliest stage, knock your opponent down and use submission holds to soften him up for later.



Area 51? So this is what Sting would look like with blue hair.

Graphics

Wrestlers writhe in pain 4.5 and pound the mat when they're in submission holds. Everything from tattoos to blood is visible on their bodies.



Sound

The sound starts out well enough, with the ring announcer making hilarious comments about each wrestler, but the music is worse than the Honky Tonk Man's album.

Control

Brain-busting control 5.0 Brain-busting control enables you to easily perform every move imaginable, from Scorpion Death Locks to Rude Awakenings.



still come out victorious.



PROTIP: If your opponent's name is flashing, he's pumped up from the crowd and will most likely reverse your move if you pull him up by the hair. Use a submission hold to caim down the crowd.

ower Move Pro Wrestling "styles and profiles" with the most devastating and authentic array of wrestling holds ever seen in the video game squared circle. This wrestling simulation features 12 fictitious wrestlers and 3 hidden fighters (including the ring announcer and the referee) methodically stalking opponents around the ring and using real holds in real wrestling time.

Powerful Pro has every move from the Surfboard and Figure-Four Leg Lock to the Camel Clutch and Full-Nelson Suplex. One wrestler spits green mist into his opponent's face, and if you pound a grappler's head into the turnbuckle, his forehead will bleed. The only things missing from this game are power meters to show each wrestler's strength, a license from the WWF or WCW, and some type of tag team or battle royal matches. Even with these omissions, Power Move Pro Wrestling still has enough gameplay stamina to win the championship.

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Destruction Derby 2 (By Psygnosis) **By Johnny Ballgame**

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entlemen, start your engines, and get ready for the most metal-twisting. piston-pulverizing, chaotic carnage you've seen this side of Scary Larry on the freeway. The original Destruction Derby looks like a mere hubcap compared to the gold-rimmed gameplay and trunkful of new features of Destruction Derby 2. This high-performance sequel includes two racing circuits and seven tracks that are eight times longer than its predecessor, along with new jump ramps, pits, hills, and tunnels.

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If the heart-pounding racing doesn't fill your tank with enough adrenaline, you can always test your driving skill (and stomach) in the infamous Destruction Derby arena, where you attempt to survive for as long as possible as 19 opponents try to pound your automobile into shredded steel. Definitely not for the faint of heart or Sunday drivers, Destruction Derby 2 takes high speed hit-and-run collisions to the next level of gaming and good times. 🖸

Graphics

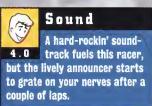
You race along nicely 4.5 rendered tracks lined with missing hoods, burning cars, and rolling tires. The light sourcing in the background is amazing, but there's too much breakup in the road.



In Death Bowl, or the race will be over in a matter of seconds.



PROTIP: In Chalk Canyon, the key to the race is landing the first jump, and not falling into the pit.





Although it adds to the 4.0 realism of the race, steering your vehicle becomes more difficult with every crash. New pit stops enable you to repair your car before it's too late.

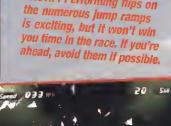
Road kill!



PROTIP: Use the brake wisely when you feel like you're losing control, or you might spin yourself right out of the race.

Fun Factor

Car-crunching excite-4.5 ment and new features that burn rubber from the getgo combine to crown Destruction Derby 2 the champion of motor-Ized mayhem.



PROTIP: Performing flips on

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PROTIP: Sometimes It's better to start the Destruction Derby bowls in reverse than to simply plow into every car head-on.



PROTIP: In Wreck'n racing you get points for knocking opponents out of the race, and not just for your lap time.

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PROTIP: When jumping into obscured territory as Fargus, always do the spin move before you land to take out any unseen foes.



PROTIP: At the beginning of Level 1, jump and knock down this statue to unveil a handy Freeze Ray power-up.



PROTIP: Nikki's double jump is far more useful than Fargus's spin move, which makes her the best choice for progressing through the levels.



PROTIP: The first boss goes down quick—just dodge the obstacles until you can launch three fireballs at hlm.



PROTIP: In Levels 5 and 6, kill these mushroom-cap shooters right away, or they'll zap you in the back.



PROTIP: Pass these leaping spikes in Level 4 by jumping up, then quickly running under them while they're in the air.

Graphics

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4.5 The gorgeous, multilayered levels and constantly changing perspective create an awesome 3D feel that will leave you reeling with vertigo. The polygonal characters move smoothly; however, they lack detail.

🔰 Control

4.0 Pandemonium's simple jump and attack moves demand little of the controls, and they generally respond without a hitch. Nikki's double jump can be just a tad finicky to pull off, though.

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of the formulaic gameplay doesn't offer any innovation, but the breathtaking graphics and perspectives will grab your attention.

The story begins as two wizards-in-training, Fargus and Nikki, set out to undo an evil spell. Before each level, you choose to play as either character—both have unique abilities but acquire the same weapon powerups. Despite the spectacular 3D levels, you're locked

Sound

3.0 Although lighthearted music sets the right mood for each level, the sound overflows with cheesy effects. An obnoxlous "bolng" accompanies each jump, and the enemies' excessively cute grunts will make you cringe.

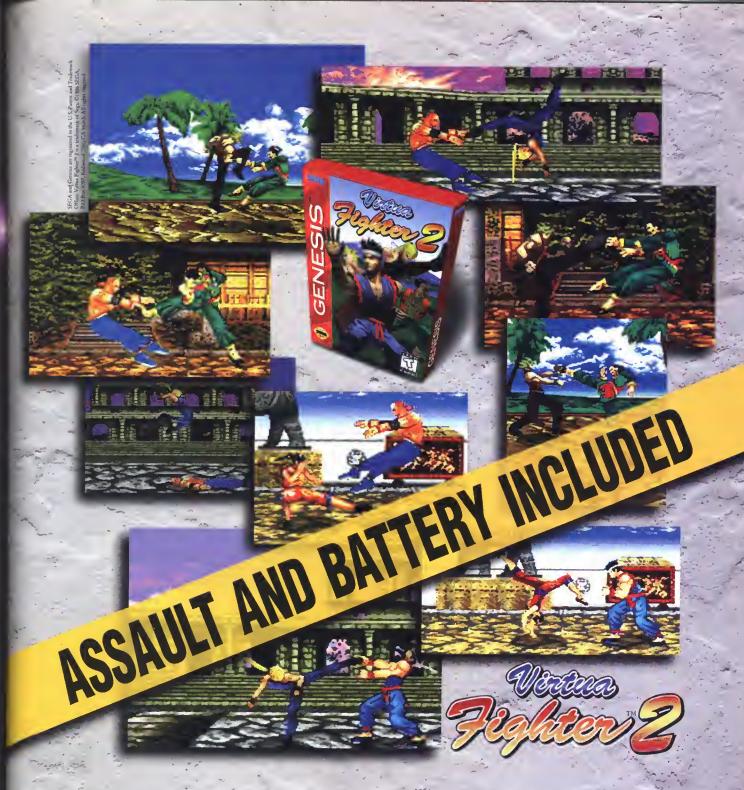
💫 Fun Factor

A.D Pandemonium's gameplay falls squarely in the realm of tried-and-true hopn-bop action, though the dazzling visuals and camera angles certainly jack up the fun. Definitely rent to determine if this mixture holds your interest.

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onto rails, so you only control movement to the left or right on predetermined paths. Killer camera angles fashion an alluring "faux 3D," but you're still mainly running to one side while collecting power-ups and gems, jumping on enemies' heads, and uncovering hidden areas.

The gameplay revolves around mastering the patterns of the obstacles, enemies, and jumps, so Pandemonium's action isn't terribly original. But if an enjoyable graphical experience and traditional platform gaming sounds attractive, Pandemonium fills the bill.

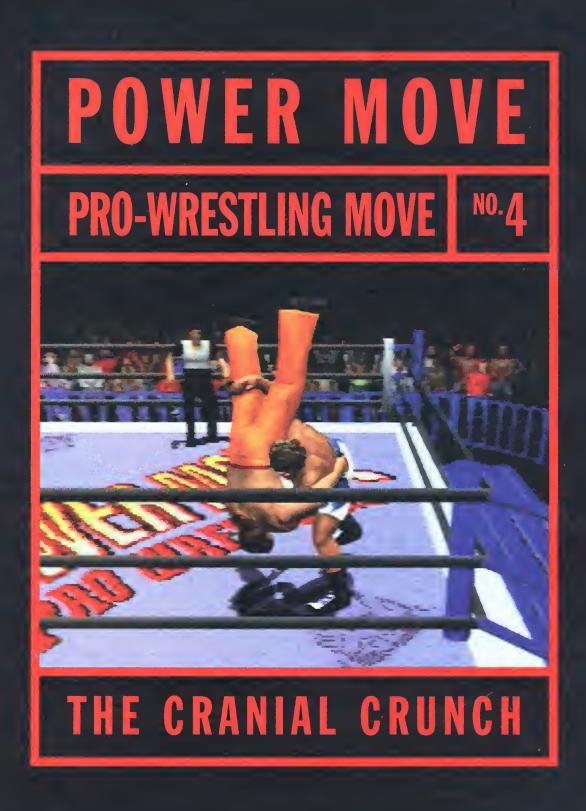


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Minion, the hidden boss from Twisted Metal, returns—and he's meaner than ever!

wisted Metal 2 doesn't have the most original premise or the greatest graphics a next-gen system can offer. However, it looks and plays better than its predecessor, with intense, blistering jump-and-bump vehicle combat that makes it a top action title.

With 12 twisted drivers, ranging from a psychotic laid off architect to a 105-year-old combat veteran, and a plethora

of weapons to acquire, contestants smash and blast opponents into oblivion, with hopes of being the last car standing when the smoke clears. The game takes place on a global scale, with eight tough combat zones from Paris to Antarctica. You won't have time to enjoy the sights, though tenacious enemies blast you at every turn.

Graphics are TM2's weakest element. City structures are bland and featureless, there's pixelization galore, and severe breakup occurs when you get close to walls.



Fun Factor

The one-player modes 5.0 are plenty enthralling, but the two-player, split-screen head-to-head action is where the game really shines, providing hours of thumb-blistering, fender-bender action.



Control

Steering and maneuver-4.5 ability differ depending on which vehicle you select. Overall, the cars have tight and responsive controls, but do take a little time to master.



Sound

4.5 rock tunes highlight the audio and work perfectly with the crash-and-bash action. Screams (mostly from unfortunate pedestrians), gunshots, explosions, and other sounds of mayhem are all equally effective. However, intense gameplay is what saves, and makes, the game—especially in the two-player head-to-head mode. The controls are responsive and the action is fast and furious, with huge explosions, screaming audio, and formidable zones.

Forget a test drive Twisted Metal 2 is one game to drive home right off the lot. If you've played the first Twisted Metal and wanted a little more bang for your buck, then this is the game for you.



3.5 do the eye-filling, coiorful explosions. The multiple dashboard configurations are also a real plus. However, the flat, featureless cities and surroundings look like they're made of cardboard.



One of the best features of the twoplayer mode is the ability to switch the split-screen view from horizontal to vertical on the fly.



PROTIP: When fighting multiple opponents in the wide-open "Field of Screams" zone, don't focus on taking out each opponent individually. The other vehicles will home in and smash you into a trash heap.

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norne: shoot any haystacks, statues, or other solitary oblocts; there are usually powerlips or weapons inside.



PRIMP: To destroy Iffel Tower In Zone 3, plant a detonator at the top of the tower and set it off. The tower will fall, making a ramp to the roof nearby.



PROTIP: In Zone 6, beware when clouds form at the edges of the ice floes; that's a warning the section is about to fall into the icy waters.





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Soviet Strike (By Electronic Arts)

By Comrade Larry

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PROTIP: Always check your map. In some levels, like the Crimean and Caspian missions, both friendlies and enemies are very well camouflaged.



PROTIP: Try not to pick up weapons, armor, or fuel until you really need them. Don't walt too long, though, because eventually the enemy will send out raiding parties to destroy the fuel and ammo dumps.

in the voice-overs: Some soldiers scream "Nyah, nyah, you missed...Ooof!" as they're shot.

The graphics have also been remodeled. The chopper and the enemies look great, and the non-repeating terrain was created from aerial flyby photos of actual locations. Also, there's nice detail in the backgrounds.

Strike fans will have to get this game; fans of the faster-paced Black Dawn and Warhawk may find the strategy-heavy gameplay slow. Still, give Soviet Strike a spin—you may find yourself hovering for hours.



Control

Your craft handles well. but rookies will need to practice a while before they'll be able to consistently target the smaller enemies.



Fun Factor

While not as fast-paced 4.5 or aggressive as other chopper games, Strike's still a load of fun. Whiri this one into your PlayStation and you won't regret it.



PROTIP: When rescuing POWs or locals, leave a few behind (but destroy all threats like gun turrets and tanks). You can return for 'em later and boost your armor when you drop them off at the landing zone.



PROTIP: In the snow levels, always shoot the hovercraft on the ice. If they return to base, they'll call out reinforcements.

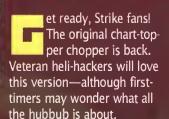


PROTIP: Always check transmissions as they come in. The person transmitting is usually in dire need of your help, and to refuse may mean the end of the mission.



PROTIP: In the Dracula level, watch out for radioactive waste. When you hear the Gelg counter go off, you're draining your armor.

Transylvania, really enhance the game!



The game follows the same outline as the 16-bit versions. You're a pilot in the Strike Force----a new-age paramilitary group that stops wars before they happen. This time the hot spot is the former Soviet Union. and you command missions, from rescuing POWs to destroying radar installations behind enemy lines.

Part of the charm of this upgrade is the hip new attitude—the cut scenes are like Desert Storm as seen on MTV. There's also vicious humor

Sound 00

Funny exclamations and 5.0 good shooting effects enhance the game. Shooting down soldiers was never this sidesplitting (and never should be).

Graphics

Strike is respiendent 4.0 with gorgeous rendered backgrounds and small but detailed graphics. The explosions are satisfying eye-candy, as are the burnt-out buildings.



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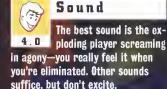




PROTIP: in rooms with spikes. just stand near the room switch and wait for opponents to move near the spikes—then turn them right into the trap.

Fun Factor

Although the game is dif-5.0 ficult and devious for one player, the fun really heats up in the multiplayer mode. You can blow opponents up, throw them into fans, or make them land on spikes. Ah, joy....



hat do you get when you mix explosive action with over 15 dangerous levels? You get Blast Chamber-this generation's answer to Bomberman.

In Blast Chamber, you





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Graphics (75

The graphics are grainy 4.0 and not very detailed, but the action (and lack of slowdown) moves this game along.



4.0 to the controls, and grabbing the crystal from another player can be hit-and-miss. Still, you can master these controls in just a little while.

must race to add time to your pod (or subtract time from another player's pod) by depositing randomly appearing crystals-the problem is the rooms keep rotating, and they're filled with traps.

The game is fast and fun as you frantically try to outwit and outrun your foes. This one is definitely a blast!

PROTIP: If a player is heading toward your goal, turn the room and make them fall so they'll drop the crystal.





PROTIP: Thoroughly check the rooms for alternate switches that turn on fans, move spikes, and activate doors.



PROTIP: Smoke onscreen means a player has ten seconds left before they expire. Keep that player from their goal.



Available now

3/4-overhead view

2 players

7 levels

LAYSTATION

Contra: Legacy of War (By Konami) **By Major Mike**

Price not available





PROTIP: In Stage 3, when the river serpent drops its brood on your raft, stand by an edge. When the little worms crawl toward you, lump and they'll fall off the raft into the water.



PROTIP: In Stage 2, you can play classic arcade games in one of the huts at the top of the screen.

Contra: Legacy of War has some innovative elements, but they never really come together in this action shoot-em-up.

Using a $\frac{3}{4}$ -overhead view, Legacy has some cool-looking stages and four characters to choose from, each with different weapons and characteristics. However, the game may

Graphics

Colorful rendered sur-4.0 roundings are the highlights, but the characters look awkward-especially while they're crouching on the ground. There are some excellent visual effects, such as a wavy ride down a river and a giant running scorpion.

Fun Factor

Legacy has fast blasting 3.5 action, the trademark of any Contra game. However, the steep difficulty and loose jumps reduce the overall enjoyment.

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egacy of War

PROTIP: Tasha and Ray are the best characters-they have the strongest homing lasers and quided missiles.

be too hard even for genre veterans, with its swarming enemies at every turn and huge bosses (including giant turtles and junk creatures). Another problem is the controls-they occasionally produce imprecise jumps.

Legacy is a solid action title, but its flaws keep it from being a real contender. 💴



Sound

The rapid-fire weaponry 4.0 and explosions are marginal at best, brought down by wimpy death screams and muted gunfire. However, the pounding music goes well with the various war zones.



The imprecise jumps are 3.5 the game's most frustrating problem-one false step and you could take a hit. The game is also riddled with slowdown that throws off your timing.

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PROTIP: When using the magnetic grapple, keep your distance from the pole, or you'll get slammed into the wall.

ret Moto's the kind of lousy game that'll make you shake your head in dismay-

it could've been so cool. But this hoverbike racing game wipes out all over the pavement with finicky, mushy controls and painful gameplay.

Against a field of 19 competitors. you race a futuristic motorcycle that traverses streets. waterways, and ice

fields. The courses sport all kinds of wild jumps and obstacles, but turbo boosters and a grappling hook improve your chances. A very intriguing premise, but you've been warned: The bikes' unmanageable handling and the absurdly unrealistic jumps and crashes spoil the fun. 🖸

Jet Moto (By Sony) **By Air Hendrix**

Price not available Available now Hoverbike racing





PROTIP: Save turbos for either safe straightaways or stretches with tough wave action.



PROTIP: If you're about to miss a jump, tilt back to catch your front on the other side.





Sound

Although the menus are 3.0 loaded with decent Pulp Fiction-esque surfer tunes, the inrace music never catches your ear. The sound effects fizzle with cheesy screams and flat vehicle effects.



Graphics

The visuals sparkle with 3.0 jazzy backgrounds, bikes, and riders, but they fail to deliver a realistic feel for the courses' 3D aspects, such as choppy waves or towering jumps.

Control

These bikes handle like 2.0 they're mired in molasses-it's tough to get a feel for the floaty handling on turns and jumps. The magnetic grapple's a fresh, useful tool, though.



Jet Moto's race dynam-2.5 ics-particularly how skilled the A.I. is and how poorly your bike responds to collisions and catching air-are so unfair and unrealistic that you'll stomp your controller to pieces. Steer clear,

LAYSTATION



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Level

Epidemic

(By Sony Comp

By Scary Larry



PROTIP: The three vidscre change color when activated. Turn them all one color, and you can enter like-colored doors that were previously closed.

Control

Nifty control options (like 4.5 turning off the jittery gunsight) help even novice players get the hang of this game.



Standard mech sounds 4.0 (clinkin' and clankin') are nicely mixed with great voice-overs and startling explosions.



PROTIP: Because of the murkiness of the Satavisa Basement levels, you should rely on the targeting system and missiles to take out unseen enemies.



PROTIP: Listen carefully to Jim between missions. He has helpful (though sometimes cryptic) info for you.

Fun Factor

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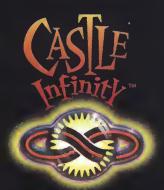
You can play for hours 4.0 and have fun but still keep wishing for more to happen in the game. Maybe they'll cure



The crystal-clear graph-3.5 ics are offset by unbelievably boring enemies and hallways so similar you easily get lost. Even the underground levels are too clean for comfort.

ast year's mediocre shooter, Kileak: The DNA Imperative, has spawned a sequel. Epidemic outshines its predecessor with better graphics and more involved gameplay (including puzzle solving), but the sins of the past have not been redressed. Stodgy, featureless, boring scenarios take the bullets from this shooter.

The lack of exciting enemies is also a problem. Less mechanical miscreants and more blood and guts would have helped this sterile game move into the limelight. You can rent without worry-Epidemic isn't contagious, 🖸



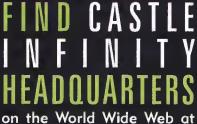
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PROTIP: Learn which obstacles. such as red canisters, you can smash through to save time.



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Bubsy 3D (By Accolade) By N. Somniac



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of 16-bit, jumps into 32bit action with Bubsy 3D. Stranded on an alien planet. you must run, swim, jump, and shoot your way through 16 bizarre levels of 3D terrain, while trying to find pieces of a rocket ship to build a ride back to Earth. In the era of Crash Bandicoot, however, Bubsy's 3D environment doesn't seem as fast moving or as lushly rendered. The graphics are rather stiff, and each level seems simplistic and barren. Bubsy fans should rent this game to see him in 3D, but action fans may find Crash more their speed.

ubsy, a longtime veteran



DEMO

PROTIP: The moving barriers alternate in direction: zigzag sharply to avoid them without losing speed.



Extreme Sports fans will be happy to hear that 2Xtreme, Sony's sequel to their original PlayStation hit, is worthy of its TV heritage. You take on nine other kamikaze racers



Fun Factor

Plenty of high-speed 4.5 action and a tough CPU competitor will keep gamers coming back for more. The biggest appeal is the split-screen, two-player mode for face-to-face action.



Control

Smooth, responsive con-4.5 trois enhance gameplay, making this game easy to pick up and play. The special moves are also easy to learn and execute.



Graphics

Digitized character anima-4.0 tions and well-rendered

backgrounds create a believable 3D environment for racing. Individual touches, such as Vegas hotels and wild animals on the loose, add to each course's appeal.

in such events as mountain biking, skateboarding, inline skating, or a new neck-breaking snowboard course. In addition to the smash-anddash gameplay, you can also increase your points, and chances of winning, by attempting special midair trick moves. You can compete through a full season, single race, or face off in the twoplayer mode. No matter what, you're assured lightning-fast, entertaining. Xtreme action. Go for it!



Despite a rockin' Intro, 3.5 sounds during gameplay are kept to a bare minimum. Echoes in tunnels and the digitized sounds of crashes and wipeouts add a nice touch, though.



accurately so avoid standing too close to allen targets.

Graphics

Despite creating a work-3.5 ing 3D environment, the color palette used for characters and level renderings is rather flat. An uncontrollable camera perspective sometimes hinders gameplay.

Sound $\tau \tilde{r}$

The fully orchestrated 3.5 soundtrack isn't adequately reinforced by entertaining sound or voice effects. Though the "Bubsylsms" are clever, his squeaky voice quickly becomes annoying.

Control

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Except for the lack of con-3.5 trol over the camera perspective in the 3D evironment, the controis are smooth and easy to learn.



Activating a switch doesn't always produce a response in your immediate vicinity. Search the level to discover what happened.



PROTIP: Airtanks are refilled af-ter time and may be revisited for additional fillups.



3.0 16 levels, its gameplay becomes repetitive and predictable due to the stiff graphics. The twoplayer tag mode is innovative and worth a look.

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Taking a break from RPGs, Square Soft enters the 3D fighting realm with Tobal No. 1. You start play choosing

By Bruised Lee

from eight characters. Additional fighters, however, are made available through the Quest mode, where players must work their way through mazes of traps, jumps, and enemies.

The 3D controls work well but take time to master. For instance, hitting Up on the directional pad steps your character into the background. To execute a jump, you must press a corresponding button.

The combat smacks and music are only average, and some of the voices become annoying. Smooth animations and clean textures boost the visuals.

Powerful competition from Tekken 2 and VF2 keep Tobal down but not completely out. The 3D animation and Quest mode offer something different to fighting fans.





PROTIP: Always carry food with you in the Quest mode. The extra life boost will help you out when fighting a powerful enemy. PROTIP: After you knock down an opponent, simultaneously tap Jump and Low Attack to score an extra hit.







By Scary Larry



PROTIP: Look for breaks in the roof or ceiling. They're usualiy the only access to other areas.

A great comic book doesn't always translate into a great game. In the case of Iron Man, a mediocre comic-book hero translates into an apt, enjoyable, but not terribly complex, game.

Decent side-scrolling action, including tussles with tons of bad guys and platform-hopping galore, make the game enjoyable. Lifeless enemies, easy levels, and corny bosses water down the fun.

Good rendering on Iron Man and Manowar help, as do simple, clean backgrounds. Solid explosions also contribute

to the Fun Factor, but the absence of good sound or music is noticeable.

A good rental, Iron Man will not get a medal for its mettle, but it's a pretty heroic effort nonetheless.





PROTIP: Always shoot into the background to find power-ups and triggers.





By Scary Larry



PROTIP: Against the first boss. Moropus, use the gatling gun and shoot while running around him. Don't let him hit you with that claw-it's severely damaging.





PROTIP: Use the zoomed-out view when exploring levels. You can see enemies long before they see you.

Although The Divide may interest some gamers with its complex gameplay and PC look, most console gamers will be unimpressed by the blocky graphics and boring gameplay.

The huge, dark levels are incredibly dull. You walk your mech around, blasting hard-to-spot, lackluster enemies while acquiring new weapons and items to help you on your journey into alien territory. You also face squat, polygonal bosses that are extremely difficult to kill.

The average sounds are dominated by nondescript music and sound effects that make you think your mech needs a tune-up.

Controlling your mech is a jittery process, and it often aims incorrectly. Shooting up and down involves the triggers...'nuff said. If you do the math, you'll find that the Divide comes up short in all areas. ն

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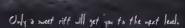
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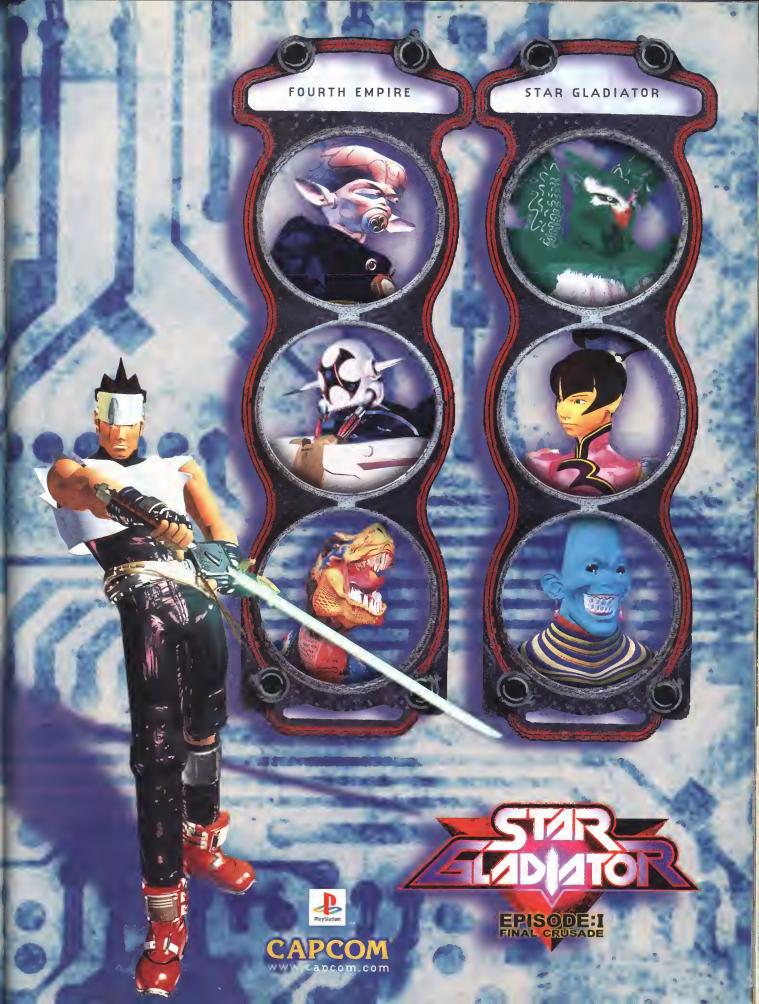
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to master the fine art of mercy killing.



ATURN

(By Eidos Interactive) By Bro' Buzz Challer

Tomb Raider

ROREV \$49.95 Available now Action/adventure

9 levels 1 player

omb Raider is a massive adventure game that out-Jones's Indiana Jones. As Lara Croft, you burgle nine levels of ancient ruins to find the mythical Scion artifact and save the world. Raider tosses many mazes, puzzles, and traps at you in between a smattering of intense gunfights. The emphasis, however, is more on puzzlesolving than gunslinging.

Lara's the star of the show thanks to the crisp, multifaceted controls. Excellent moves serve you well during gunfights and explorations alike. You bust tremendous leaping somersaults, swim, and slap some mean leather with a pair of deadly .45 automatics.

The visuals and animation show nice flair. However, pixelated Saturn graphics make mincemeat of the multi-textured backgrounds, so it's tough to see important items and enemies on the attack.

The lack of clarity is a shame, because Tomb's like a wild cryptozoo gone bad. Lions, alligators, wolves, and even velociraptors hunt you down.

If exploration's your thing, then Raider is for you. Have no fear about entering this Tomb.

Fun Factor 4.0

Tomb Raider is a satisfying adventure game that favors exploration and puzzle-solving over gunplay.

PROTIP: Here's a guick escape/attack move: Press A and quickly hit Down to somersault backwards. If your guns are drawn, hit B while you're in the alr and you'll score a few quick hits.

PROTIP: When approaching the edge of a ledge, walk (press and hold L and press Up) don't run. Lara never walks over the edge.

Graphics 175

The camera view flows smoothly and you can 4.0 stop for 180-degree scans in all directions. However, the cam sometimes rests behind objects, blocking the action. Despite pixelated graphics, topnotch 3D animations paints Virtua Fighterstyle movement; impressive cinemas add movie-style drama.

Sound Effects are minimal, 3.0 with attacking enemies making almost no sound, and music that tips off enemy attacks. Cinema vocals and tunes. however, hit the mark.



Great controls enable you to pull an excellent array of moves, from expansive somersaults to precise sidesteps. It is, however, time-consuming to grab some objects.



Topnotch cinema screens tell a tale of the lost Scion.

PROTIP: Bounce off sianted structures to reach overhead locations above your normal jump. Press Up and A simultaneously to leap forward then quickly tap A again to make the second iump.



PROTIP: To shoot down on creatures from a structure, walk to the edge, press and hold X, and use the directionals to aim.



Lara Croft certainly looks prepared for a solid Saturn adventure.



PROTIP: Raider tips you off to attacks. Lara automatically aims at enemies (usually before you even see them), and music usually kicks in before the enemies do.



PROTIP: Sometimes platforms are so far away that you must leap and then grab onto the edge. Press Up and A to leap, then release the buttons and press Up and B to catch hold of the edge,

Survival is simple, Never stop running.

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PROTIP: In the Graveyard, Jump on top of some mausoleums to find release triggers like this one.



PROTIP: In Big Bones, bounce underneath the skulls to skip across to your destination.



PROTIP: In Rolling Logs, time the jumps with the shadows of the logs. You can jump on some logs as well.





PROTIP: In Guitar Solo, you can gauge your progress by watching the red eyes turn blue. Quickly switch riffs if you suddenly see a swath of red eyes appear.

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PROTIP: In Drum Solo, you can tell which bongo is next by watching the sparks flow to each set.

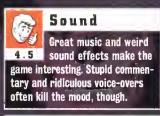
Graphics

Unfinished graphics are just one of the game's visual flaws. Bland enemies also plague the game, as do uninspired backgrounds. But there are some great rendered cut scenes.



Control

There's not much to do except electrocute enemies and jump. However, miscalculated jumps resulting in major damage, as well as the unfair A.I., will give you the blues. PROTIP: These markers are gates to another level. You must have the correct corresponding skeletal make-up to pass.



Fun Factor Half the fun is seeing how much of this game you can stomach before you give up. The basic hop-n-bop action may make you bury this one. PROTIP: In Glass Shards, use the spinning platforms to ascend to higher levels. Try not to pay attention to the running commentary, which contains the line, "Even Jesus Christ had the blues. Big time,"

ega is putting all its bones in one basket with Mr. Bones. Promised over a year ago, the final product is a hodgepodge of beautifully rendered graphics, kick-ass sound, and insipid hop-n-bop gameplay.

Playing as the soulful, blue-eyed Mr. Bones, you battle bats who snatch your limbs away; go on an old-fashioned log roll; randomly jam on the guitar and play some bongos. The prerendered graphics look very sharp, but are unfinished in spots (mountains in the background of the graveyard are just random blocks below the horizon). Although Mr. Bones moves smoothly, he's very slow.

The sound is the game's shining spot. Bluesy music and wicked guitar riffs are offset, however, by mildly annoying running commentary about the blues (especially in the Glass Shards stage).

Mr. Bones is not the Saturn savior that owners of the system are waiting for. There's slim pickin' on these bones.

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There's not much strategy required, and the night action grows redundant. However, Machine Head's still a good game when you feel like gunning down monsters.

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Machine Head

ATURN

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Level

Battle Arena Toshinden URA (By Sega) By Major Mike

Price not available Fighting Available now 2 players



II the wretched gameplay from Toshinden Remix is

back, and this time there are more characters to choose from for your fighting displeasure. URA has the same graphics and sounds as Remix, and unfortunately, the same lame play engine.

There are three new fighters, but they fail to add any dimension to the game; Ronron, in particular, is one of the worst fighters ever created. Simply put, URA is just more of a bad thing. 🖸



Get ready to meet Ronron, one of



coming attacks, sidestep them. Even blocking takes a little off your life meter.



PROTIP: Finish the game with any character, and when you start a new game, a new fighter, Repli, is added to the lineup.



Fun Factor

0.5 sounds, and dull gameplay-the ingredients of a lousy fighting game. Battle Arena Toshinden URA has all these terrible elements-and more.

Graphics

The characters suffer 1.5 from horrible pixelization

and blocky graphics (Sofia looks like she has a snake growing out of her head). The various special moves and projectiles also look cheesy.



Lame grunts and groans 2.0 fill the audio, though intelligible taunts and victory chants are uttered. The music is mostly generic hard rock with a few mellow symphonies.



The basic moves are easy 3.0 to execute, but the specials are an unresponsive hit-andmiss affair. Overdrive and Death moves are difficult to pull off, and combos are basically nonexistent.

PROTIP: Once you open the gates of the Orbitai Headquarters, back away so you have time to target the onrushing enemies.



PROTIP: Cocoons in the Train Launch level are up on the limbs of the towers.



Sound

The wisecracks between 4.0 levels are a riot, while hard-driving music propels the action. The sound effects get tiresome, though-screams from the enemies and more varied gun blasts could have intensified gameplay.



Fun Factor

Derivative of other shoot-3.5 ers (like Doom), Machine Head still offers enough action to be worth a long play. The levels are big and the enemies are numerous, making it a good challenge.



PROTIP: Move quickly past the entrance as you start new levels like Meadows of Deceptionyou're immediately targeted by a host of enemies.

Control

Your flying bomb is pretty 3.5 squirrelly until you master the controls, but with a lot of practice, it becomes a quick, nimble craft. Shooting while flying can be tough, especially against flying enemies.



3.5 darkness in the background and blurring in the foreground lessen the visual impact. However, the cut scenes are entertaining, and the enemies explode into satisfying pieces when you hit 'em.





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By Captain Cameron

Street Racer, a good 16-bit racing game, becomes a ho-hum 32-bit experience on the Saturn.

Eight wacky racers compete on themed courses or in a chaotic bumper-cars arena. The view takes you up close behind



PROTIP: In longer races, go out of your way to grab Items early, then work back to the front.

the cars or high above for Micro Machines-style racing, Cartoony sounds and graphics are mildly entertaining.

The controls make efficient use of every button on the pad, giving each racer a complete set of punches, weapons, and jumps. The action's okay against the computer or one or two pals. but going head to head against more than four gamers divides the screen into small slices. limiting the fun.

Street Racer's not a bad rental, it's just not unique or funny enough to warrant a purchase.



PROTIP: Save your last few seconds of turbo for an endof-the-race boost.



By Air Hendrix

Hyper 3D delivers another round of decent Saturn pinball, but like Last Gladiators, it's just more standard action with a few minor 32-bit bells and whistles.

You blast steel balls through six boards with themes like Gangsters. An assortment of



PROTIP: Make good use of your upper flippers to keep the ball at the top of the table, where the big points are.



PROTIP: Multi-ball rounds also let you rack up high scores, so keep the flippers moving as much as possible.

bumpers, multi-ball rounds, and hidden surprises treats your flippers to a workout. The controls respond just fine, but launching the ball is too tricky.

Graphically, you'll find wellmodeled 3D tables, but the overall look is bland. The sounds put on a great show with cool tunes and effects.

Pinball wizards will get a few thrills out of Hyper 3D, but it sure doesn't top playing on a real table in the arcade.



VIRTUAL CASIND

By Coach Kyle

Lady Luck beckons in this smooth collection of casino games. You play five games---roulette, seven-card stud poker, baccarat, blackjack, and the slots—and place bets against the computer. The sharp graphics are simple (big cards and lots of green felt), the music is mellow jazz for adults, and the sound effects are minimal.

The biggest drawbacks are the lack of multiplayer gaming (two players compete only in roulette and baccarat) and the skill level required to win. If you don't know when to double down in blackjack, there's no tutorial with detailed guidance. For solo card sharks looking for a game, Virtual Casino's not bad, but it's not as fun as real-life poker parties.



PROTIP: In roulette, think of your specific bets before the wheel starts spinning because there's little time to move around chips.



PROTIP: The computer will rarely fold in poker, so be wary of trying to bluff when you're holding a weak hand.



BRAINDRADIS

By Doctor Devon

In BrainDead 13, a frustrating interactive cartoon, you play a teen trapped in a nightmarish castle filled with ghouls. As in Dragon's Lair, you watch pre-programmed action and wait for key moments to make decisions via strings of button presses. Unfortunately,



PROTIP: In the kitchen, defeat the blade-wielding gator by tapping Left, B, Right, B, and Up.

the trial and error required to figure out button combinations is far too laborious for the mild comedic payoff that results.

Sounds and graphics are disappointing. The scenes and characters are colorful, but bad compression leaves objects blurry or ill-defined. Voices are sometimes unintelligible, and the frantic music gets old because you hear it hundreds of times while trying to master the controls.

Play BrainDead 13 and you'll be brain-dead before long.



PROTIP: Swat the ghosts in the bedroom with the pillow by tapping Down, B, B, B, and Right.



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ProReview

Donkey Kong Country 3: Dixie Kong's Double Trouble (III)

(By Nintendo)

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Action/adventure

By Doctor Devon \$69.95 32 meas

2 players 5 worlds Side view



Super NES



PROTIP: In Rocket Barrel Ride, go left to the ledge behind the falls, then enter the rocket barrel that's in the background.



PROTIP: Before your baby elephant uses up his seven squirts of water, get a refill by dipping his trunk in the stream.

Graphics

Simply stunning. The 5.0 backgrounds are sharp and colorful, the underwater levels are sultable for framing,

and characters display terrific detail (watch the baby elephant's expression when he spots a Murky Mill rat).

Sound

Aithough it sounds simi-

4.5 lar to its predecessors. DKC3 still has great music and sound effects that create a dense sonic atmosphere. Notable: The bears get their own theme music (Biue Bear enters to his own bluesy groove).

PROTIP: Beat the first boss by breaking the barrel, flipping the bug on its back, and tossing it at Belcha's mouth so he falls into the pit,



Effortless. You can 5.0 bounce, throw, and climb with perfect precision and without a second thought. The elephant adds some fun new control dynamics to the mix: He sucks barrels toward him, then throws them with his trunk!



Since most of the game-4.5 play hasn't changed, **DKC3 receives a 4.5 instead of** the 5.0 for DKC2. The coin-gathering, character-switching, barrei-bashing, hop-n-bop style is still fun but hardly revolutionary by now.



PROTIP: In the Simon-like bonus game in each world, match the pattern of flashing colors.



PROTIP: In Ripsaw Rage, don't hit your head as you jump or you won't beat the saw that's coming up the tree.



PROTIP: Beat Arich the spider boss by jumping off his back to snag new barrels, then tossing 'em at his face.

he long wait was worth it, SNES fans. Superb graphics and entertaining (if familiar) gameplay make DKC3 one of the best 16-bit games of the last few years. Repeating the successful formula seen in DKC and DKC2, developer Rare Ltd. has introduced new main characters (such as Kiddy, an overgrown baby ape who bashes through floors), new supporting characters (instead of a charging rhino as in DKC2, now there's a water-spouting baby elephant), and great new details (listen when Wrinkly Kong's in the background-she's playing Super Mario 64). If this is the SNES's swan song, then at least the great old system is going out in style.

DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 3

The only drawbacks to DKC3 are its extreme youthfulness (the babies make the game a little too cute at times) and its basic hop-n-bop similarity to its forerunners. Some cynics may have a "been there, beat that" attitude, but most folks will go ape for this mustplay game. 🖸

THE TOP TEN 16-BIT ACTION / **AOVENTURE TITLES OF ALL TIME**

- 1. Super Mario World (Super NES)
- 2. Super Metroid (Super NES)
- 3. Earthworm Jim (Genesis)
- 4. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (Genesis)
- 5. Contra III (Super NES)
- 6. Vectorman 2 (Genesis)
- 7. Disney's Aladdin (Genesis)
- 8. Super Star Wars (Super NES)
- 9. Shinobi 3 (Genesis)
- 10. Donkey Kong Country (Super NES)

THE 16-BIT GAMER'S SURVIVAL GUIDE: PROREVIEWS



Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 (By Williams)

By Bruised Lee

Price not available 32 megs **Available now**

Fighting 2 players Side view

Super NES





on't be fooled, fighting fans. Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 is not the ultimate fighting game, but it does have some new features and fighters that should temporarily satisfy hungry Mortal Kombateers.

UMK3 supplements the MK3 lineup with Scorpion, lade, Kitana, Reptile, classic Sub-Zero, Ermac, and Mileena. In addition to these arcade characters, Rain and Noob are selectable, plus there's one hidden fighter.

Sadly, the new fighters are all that make UMK3 a fresh fighting experience. The returning cast is the same as in MK3, with no new moves to learn-even the combo system is identical! Players will quickly find the gameplay tiresome as they perform the same combos found in MK3. New features like the tournament modes, new Vs. codes, and Brutality finishing moves add only a little life to the redundant gameplay.

If MK3 had never been released, UMK3 would be closer to an ultimate fighting game. Unfortunately, UMK3 is just a slight variation of a game that has been completely played to death.







Graphics

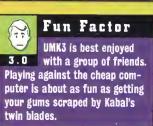
The backgrounds and 4.5 fighters are rich in color and detail, but the slightly choppy character animation keeps UMK3 from being a perfect translation.



Only a few screams of 4.0 terror are missing from the arcade original. The rest of the voices and music are duplicated extremely well.

Control

Not bad, but the SNES's 4.0 slow processing power, combined with missing frames of character animation, make a slight difference in the timing of combos and juggle moves found in the arcade.





PROTIP: After you defeat your first opponent in the endurance match, you can score a free hit when the second opponent jumps in.



With 23 characters and one hidden fighter. the UMK3 lineup has many of the same fighters as MK3.



PROTIP: The best way to beat the boss Motaro is to constantly use jump kicks and neck kicks to slowly wear him down.



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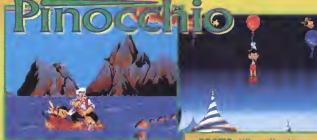
Genesis ProReview

By Coach Kyle

A fabulous animated movie becomes a below-average game on the Genesis. Pinocchio's only for novices and Disney addicts.

As the storybook puppet, you side-scroll through the movie plot from Stromboli's marionette show to a raft ride with Geppetto out of Monstro the whale. The gameplay is rudimentary platform action, and the weak controls give you almost nothing to do besides walking and jumping.

With stiff characters and undetailed backgrounds, the graphics are like those you saw



PROTIP: Keep ducking the entire time you're escaping Monstro until you come to the jumps.

in mediocre 1993 games. The music simplifies the movie's classic soundtrack, and the cartoony sound effects desperately cry out for some voices.

What a shame that such a long-awaited game, with such a

PROTIP: When floating on the Pleasure Island balloons, repeatedly jump to adjacent balloons until you catch one that floats up to the goodies.

famous story as a foundation, should turn out to be so disappointing. This wooden game never comes to life.



1 player



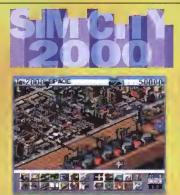
PROTIP: In the marionette show, study the movements of the dancers so you can copy them step for step.



A clone of the top-selling PC game, Sim City 2000 won't dominate the marketplace this season, but it's a decent addition to any SNES library.

SC2000 offers you more than the original Sim City for the SNES. As before, you control everything in your city, from building the housing and parks to figuring out how to placate the often-angry citizens—but since you start at the year

Super NES



PROTIP: Floods cause damage only at sea level. Use the Raise **Terrain** button to build protective dikes around low-lying areas to take less flood damage.

2000, you also deal with futuristic issues, like trying to launch your populace into space.

The presentation is uneven.



PROTIP: Power plants are crucial. Unless you're in the No Disaster mode, they'll eventually wear out and shut down. Keep track of their life span so you can rebuild as necessary. The graphics look okay and the sound effects are fun, but the music is repetitive. The control interface is awkward, especially if you're used to the mouse or keyboard from the computer version. Despite the flaws, if you love sims, you'll be happy to see this cart. It's real Sim Fun.





Unheralded and unexpected, Realm is one of the season's better SNES games.

You play a cyborg who leaps upward through trees, scales castle walls, and blasts every moving thing in sight with an array of futuristic guns. Don't let the simple shoot-em-up gameplay fool you: This is one tough game. In these four huge worlds, you face hundreds of enemies, bosses take forever to vanquish, and extra ammo and health are rare. Expect to start over frequently once you enter this Realm.

The colorful graphics show fine attention to detail and boast imaginative settings deep in the game. However, your cyborg and the enemies move pretty stiffly, and the annoyingly repetitive disco music doesn't fit in.

Realm is a well-crafted throwback to Gunstar Heroes-style gameplay that will deliver a much-needed blast of excitement to bored SNES owners.



PROTIP: Take out this Stage One statue enemy by jumping over the lit globes it throws and alming for its head.

PROTIP: Don't grab all the shields from the crystals at once; save some of the shields for when you've taken damage later.

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PROTIP: This tough flying enemy falls with you from the castle towers; stay between its bombs and rays, then nall its body.



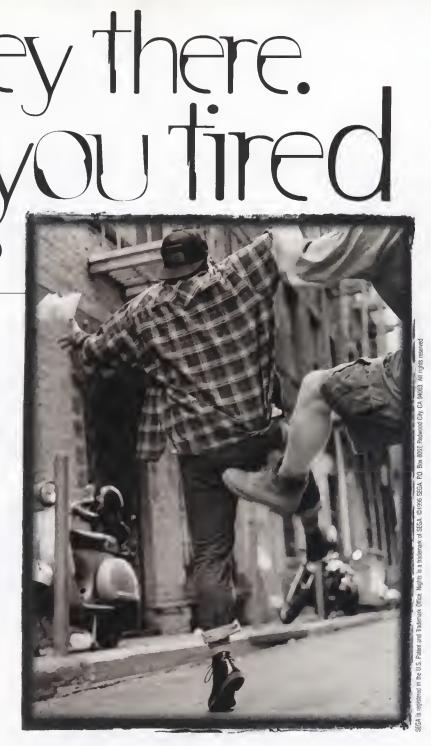
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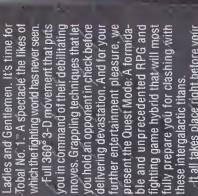


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CREATE YOUR OWN SUPER TEAM

Tecmo Super Bowl allows the user to trade any player, to any team, at any time. With this feature you have the ability to create your own Super Team. Just be careful when you're playing a friend. You had better make sure he didn't set you up. The only advice we can give is check your opponent's roster.

LIVE COMMENTARY

Tecmo Super Bowl's announcer gives true play by play commentary, not just an occasional phrase or two. If perhaps you think he's an idiot, you always have the option of turning him off.

TOURNAMENT MODE

Over the years Tecmo Super Bowl players have let us know about the friendly competitions which sometimes take place. This new version has



Team Beleel SCHARD DALLAS

a built in tournament mode for a total of 8 players playing one on one till one of the players wins the tournament. Chips and drinks are sadly not included.

DIFFICULTY LEVELS

Knowing that some people haven't been playing Tecmo Super Bowl for years we've included 3 difficulty settings. Easy, Normal and Hard. Our football game gives you the ability to grow with the game. Internally we call this a screen save 'cause you don't have to throw a rock through the TV screen when you get frustrated with the game.

INSTANT REPLAY

If you want to analyze the last several seconds of play, simply pause the game and start the instant replay. In addition you can go frame by frame to fully analyze all of the action. Then again, you may not want to see the interception again, and again, and again, and again.

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game to actually change the weather during the game. So one minute it could be raining, and then it could start snowing, or then again stop or actually it's too variable to give you all of the possible scenarios.

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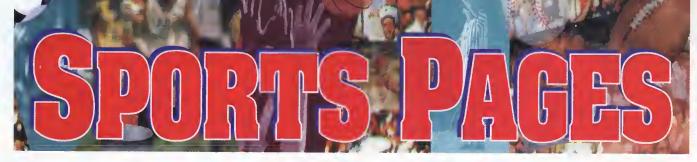
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The Great One Scores a Decent N64 Debut



Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey

By Air Hendrix

The very first Nintendo 64 sports title, Wayne Gretzky's Nintendo 64 3D Hockey delivers raucous multiplayer action and solid graphics. But hockey fans won't find the kind of topnotch gameplay that they've grown accustomed to on the Genesis and PlayStation.

Open Ice

Gretzky faces off with the right features: Exhibition, Season, Playoff, and Practice modes; all the NHL players and teams; moves like dives, one-timers, trips, hooks, and so on; and a Burst button that jacks up speed, shot, and check power. Unique, snazzy extras include the Fox TV streak that high-



PROTIP: Don't let an opponent park in front of the crease, or his teammates will quickly set him up with deadly one-timers.

lights the puck and finishing moves during fights. The controls handle fairly well, though the button layout's too complex.

This cart appeals to both camps of sports gamers by offering Open Ice-style three-on-three action (replete with flaming pucks and actual brick wall goalies) or regulation five-on-five matches. Both modes,



Scoring with a power shot sets the net on fire!

however, fall squarely in the arcade realm with a flashy, fast-paced feel that focuses less on realistic, tight gameplay and more on high-octane twitch excitement.

Unfortunately, the shallow A.I. means the one-player thrills fade quickly. A few shooting tactics always score, the defense always shuts down breakaways, and your

CPU teammates respond poorly when you set up plays. Multiplayer matches are definitely Gretzky's strong point.

Into the Boards-

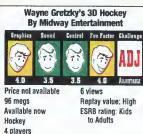
Visually, the rinks come alive with great color and detail, and the spiffy polygonal players sport awesome animations as goalies lunge for the puck or players splatter across the ice when tripped. However, the player graphics could use more detail, and the skating and stick handling has a stiff, unrealistic look.

On the sound side, an announcer tracks the action with decent color commentary that unfortunately gets too repetitive. The on-ice

skating effects and crowd roars perform nicely.

Blaring Siren

If fast, simple hockey appeals to you and your buds, Gretzky's there with all the right bells and whistles. Just don't expect the depth and staying power of EA's NHL series or Sony's Faceoff '97.



Gretzky Hockey Tips



PROTIP: A defenseman will always be there to squelch a breakaway, so pass frequently once you cross center ice in order to penetrate the defense.



PROTIP: The single best way to score is one-timers from either wing to the center.

THE TOP TEN SPORTS GAMES EVER

- 1. Madden NFL '97 (PlayStation)
- 2. NHL Faceoff '97 (PlayStation)
- 3. Andretti Racing (PlayStation)
- 4. NFL GameDay (PlayStation)
- 5. NBA Jam (Super NES)
- 6. Triple Play '97 (PlayStation)
- 7. NBA Live '97 (PlayStation)
- 8. World Series Baseball '95 (Genesis)
- 9. International Track & Field (PlayStation)
- 10. TIE: Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run (Super NES) & NHL '97 (Genesis)

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- Ken Griffey Jr. Baseball (Nintendo 64) NFL GameDay '97 (PlayStation)
- These games haven't been reviewed yet, but look very promising.



PROTIP: Another high-percentage shot: Come in fast on one side of the net, then cut sharply across the crease. Shoot high just when you pass the other side of the net.



PROTIP: Tripping's the best way to shut down your opponent, but approach from the side or back.

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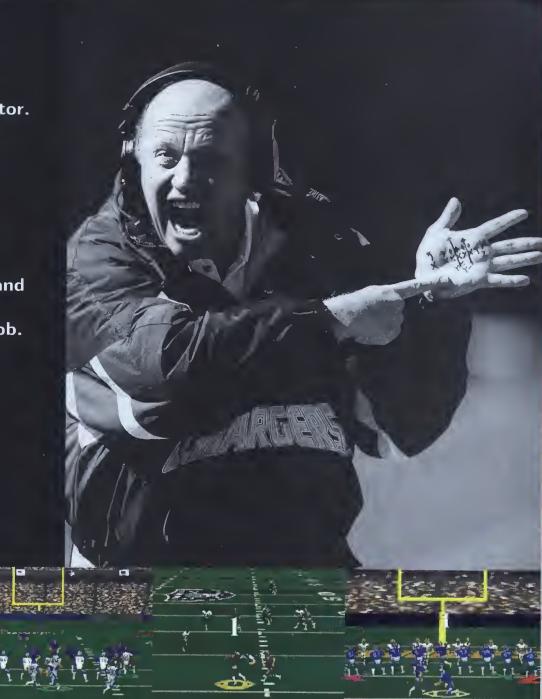
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The King of Hockey Scores with a PlayStation Slap Shot





PlauStation

EA's hallmark hockey series goes 32-bit with a Play-Station debut that delivers more of that familiar, flashy

action. Despite the excellent graphics, NHL '97's addictive gameplay still finishes second to the top-ranked NHL Faceoff '97 (see "Sports Pages," December '96).

Dekes Like Fedorov

NHL '97's puck drops in Exhibition, Season, Playoff, and Shootout modes, and all the pro teams and players fill the benches. The game delivers all the right moves, including three checks, quick stops, 360-degree spins, fake shots, players hitting the ice, drop passes, hooking, and one-timers. You can also trade and create players, get in fights, and fire off fancy signature moves with star players.

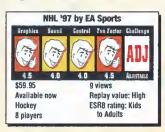
However, NHL '97 falls behind on the strategy side by failing to provide the icon-based passing and coaching strategies (which enable you to call different offensive and defensive plays) that added unprecedented depth to Faceoff '97. Still, NHL '97 certainly isn't a shallow game, and many players may prefer its high-octane gameplay.

Genesis pros will readily adapt to the comfortable controls. Skating and stick handling respond very smoothly with a much more lifelike feel that's mildly tricky at first. On the down side, the finicky player switching some-





PROTIP: If you're controlling an agile player like Mario Lemieux, lure the goalie into reacting early, then use some snappy stick handling to maneuver around his save attempt.



PROTIP: If you don't have time to nail the puck carrier with a check, help out your goalie by laying down in front of the shot, which reduces the scoring opportunities.

NHL '97 Tips



PROTIP: When taking control of your goalie, anticipate your opponent's shot early and begin your save before he actually shoots.



PROTIP: The hip check (Button **R2**) is the most effective way to take down opponents, especially when controlling powerful players like Chelius.



PROTIP: Signature moves, especially fancy dekes like Paul Coffey's, are among the best ways to juke the defense.



PROTIP: If you're in a faceoff at your opponent's net, you'll score regularly with a one-timer to the wing in front of the goal.

times interferes with taking over the key player, and occasionally it's hard to set up precision passing with just the directional pad to aim the puck.

Polygon Power

NHL '97 rules the rink in graphics. Spectacular animations bring the game to life as goalies scramble for the puck and players splatter into the boards after blistering checks. The polygonal look, though chunky, adds a strong 3D feel, and you'll find names and numbers on the jerseys, as well as real-life masks on all the goalies. A faster pace would have helped because the action slows significantly at times.

Good organ music and a decent but uninspired announcer round out the sounds. The on-ice effects score with cool touches, like the scratch of skates digging in, but the grunts begin to grow repetitive.

Faceoff Finesse

Hardcore hockey buffs will turn to Faceoff '97, favoring its deeper, more strategic features and gameplay. But if

you want to juke goalies and rack up the score, NHL '97's setting off sirens with gorgeous graphics and its own brand of fun, furious action.

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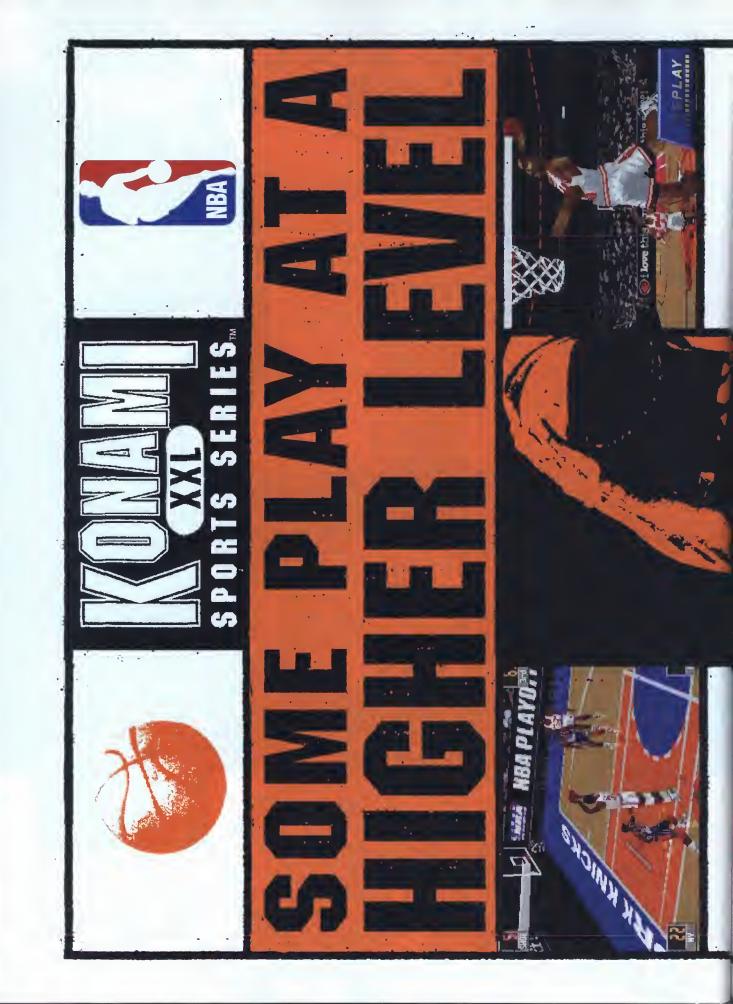


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MLB Pennant Race Slides into Second



MLB Pennant Race

By Air Hendrix

The eternally delayed Pennant Race finally hit store PlauStation shelves just in time for the World Series, but its closest competitor, Triple Play, walks off the field with top honors-especially in terms of graphics and sounds. Pennant Race still scores well with strong features and entertaining gameplay.

Long Fly Ball

Pennant Race digs in at the plate with a fairly exhaustive list of features. Gamers will find all the major-league teams and players, a complete set of modes, trades and player creation, and arcade or sim action. Cool standouts, like switching fielder depth on the fly and the perfectly staggered difficulty levels, add to the fun.

The controls generally respond well. Batters blast away with three swings and two controllable slides, while pitchers sling three pitches at three speeds in sim mode or just control the break with the directional pad in arcade mode. Dives, jumps, and speed bursts help you chase the ball in the field.

That all adds up to a thorough arsenal, but the list of flaws is sizable, too. Pitching and batting are shallow in comparison with Triple



PROTIP: You can tap the throw buttons early to set up a string of throws between bases, so always go for the multiple outs.

problems, Pennant Race's gameplay packs enough depth and realism to deliver a fun day at the park.

Infield Fly

Visually, Pennant Race goes for an illustrated 2D look that falls short of Triple Play's gorgeous polygonal style. If you like the look, though, Pennant Race does it well-the fluidly moving fielders are particularly nice. Best of all, its zippy frame rate makes for much smoother action compared to how slowly Triple Play chugs along.

Padres announcer Jerry Coleman calls the action with a colorful





Play, which gives you

over details like batting

stance and position on

the mound. More seri-

ous problems pop up,

you're often stuck controlling a player that's too far from the ball,

too; When fielding,

and a few lingering

bugs crop up (swung-on

strikes are sometimes

balls). Even with these

much greater control



PROTIP: Position your batting cursor inside the strike zone before the pitch is thrown so you can quickly judge whether it's a ball.

variety of phrases, but frequently (and frustratingly) he's just dead wrong. The in-game effects perform well, but the crowd's too quiet.

Pennant Race Tips

Safe at Second

If you're a casual PlayStation baseball fan who needs only one baseball game, stick with Triple Play. But the hardcore will get a lot out of Pennant Race. Despite its quirks and flaws, this solid baseball title earns its place among Sony's topnotch sports line.





PROTIP: Jump to catch flies when your fielder's in the ball's path.



PROTIP: If you get a strike on a fastball, try a breaking ball to the same spot on the next pitch so that it slides away from a spot that's become familiar.

PROTIP: With a man on, pull your fielders up to double-play depth and go for two outs.



PROTIP: If you just whiffed, the next pitch will likely come on the other side of the strike zone, so line up your cursor accordingly.

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3D Baseball

By Scary "Swing King" Larry

Saturn

Although this graphically impressive game brings baseball into the 32-bit stadium with ease, it's a double-



PROTIP: Getting your runner hack to base on an unsuccesful steat requires more time than it's worth. Use the hit-and-run to advance instead.

edged bat. Great graphics are offset by substandard controls and the most infuriating play-by-play since the O.J. Simpson freeway chase.

Swing Time

The rendered polygonal graphics are done with a sense of realism unseen in baseball games so far. Players swing, pitch short doubleplay balls to second base, and slide with major-league panache.

3D Baseball by Crystal Dynamics								
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The sounds don't square up so solidly. The announcer is funny and direct in his comments-but he wears very thin after a short while. He also favors some players with more verbal kudos than others.

Control is the game's biggest offender. Fielding the ball is ridiculously hardthrows to first base on easy grounders to the shortstop are often intercepted by the second baseman. Also, pop flies are hard to catch because getting your player to the ball is a long, laborious, and often unsuccessful prospect.

Balk!

The control and sound problems might have been overlooked if the game had flawless gameplay and a better license (you get real players, but no real teams or stadiums). Without these problems, 3D Baseball would have rivaled World Series for the Saturn king of the swing. As it is, it's better than Big Hurt but less than

3D Baseball Tips



PROTIP: When you see a pitcher heaving on the mound, he's tired and easily rocked on pitches.



PROTIP: As soon as a pitch is blasted into the outfield, move the directional pad toward the ball. It's the only way to get a player over to the ball quickly enough to make a play.

satisfactory for hardcore baseball fans.

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FIFA Soccer '97

By Johnny Ballgame

PlauStation

FIFA '97 kicks the competition to the curb with improved graphics, superior sound, and World Cup-winning gameplay that will have you shouting "G-O-A-L!" at the top of your lungs for weeks.

Dribble Delirium

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FIFA features four modes of play and more than 4200 professional players from 12 international leagues. You can play in "friendly" single matches, toumaments, leagues, or playoffs, and you can change conditions like the game's length, field, injuries, and fouls. New this year is the option to play in either the traditional outdoor stadium or the new indoor arena, where the field is shorter and the action rockets by at an

unsoccer-like feverish pace.

The players are fully rendered, and with the use of motion-capture technology, they perform realistic, smoothly animated moves like bicycle kicks, headers, heel kicks, and one-timers. Goalies dive heroically to save games, dribblers use turbo to



speed toward the goal, and defenders slide-tackle with a viciousness unseen in other soccer titles. The only problem graphically is that when the ball hugs the wall in the indoor stadium, it's sometimes difficult to see what's going on.

The sound scores in ways that will make other game companies jealous. Three international play-by-play announcers provide detailed, side-busting commentary on the action, while the crowd's cheers and

> chants totally envelop you in all the excitement and enthusiasm of the world's most popular sport.

Worth Its Weight in Goals

FIFA '97 demands attention and respect not only from . soccer fans, but from sports gamers in general. You'll be kicking yourself all winter if you let it pass you by.

48 teams

Replay value: High

ESRB rating: Kids Io Adults

4 views



Sega Worldwide Soccer '97

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PROTIP: Keep the ball on your side

of the field to not only increase your

offensive out ut but to decrease

your opponent's shots-on-goal.

By The Weekend Warrior

PROTIP: Dribble the ball down the

side of the field, and when you see a

teammate streak toward the goal,

lob-pass him the ball for a header

The slick soccer action in Sega Worldwide Soccer '97 Saturn rates as fast fun on the Saturn. A major enhancement of last year's Worldwide Soccer, Worldwide '97 features more teams, more options, and sharper graphics, delivering a completely fresh, must-play gaming experience.

Everything and the World

or bicycle kick

Worldwide '97 serves up 48 international teams from the USA to Cameroon. The game is bursting with options, including four modes like Exhibition and World Cup Tournament, customizable rosters, player creation, four difficulty levels, and the ability to adjust all play parameters from the time to the weather.

Soccer strategists will ponder long and hard over a wide assortoptions, which feature seven types of tactics and 12 player formations. You can change strategies on the fly, and detailed stats follow each game.

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PROTIP: When you're around your

opponent's goalie, be careful when slide-tackling. If you take the goalie

out by accident you'll be automati-

Visual Goals

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cally ejected.

Worldwide '97 scores many visual goals with sharp graphics, clearly rendered players, detailed on-field environments, well-designed menu screens, and extremely smooth player animations. Four camera angles and an Instant Replay mode present a comprehensive overview of the field and action. The impressive graphics are complemented by smooth, easy-to-learn controls, pumping rock soundtracks, and sharp digitized sound effects that complete the soccer experience.



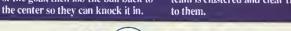
Worldwide '97 rewards the Saturn faithful with a great sports game that would be a standout on any system. The great gameplay and graphics make Worldwide '97 accessible to soccer diehards and novices alike. Go for the goal!

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ment of offensive and defensive

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SPORTS PAGES



3D Baseball By Johnny Ballgame

3D Baseball is the equivalent of a muscle-bound minor PlauStation leaguer who looks like a top prospect, but strikes out in every at bat when he finally gets his shot in the majors.

Bichette Happens

All your favorite real players are represented, from Bonds to Belle, but there are no authentic teams, uniforms, or stadiums. Instead you play in four fields of screams with names like Crystal Yards and The Stadium. The only two modes available are Exhibition and Pennant Race, and although the graphics rank among the best of any baseball game, the gameplay's among the worst.

Player movement is incredible and includes everything from lifelike batter stances to sweep tags on sliding base runners. The problem is that when the ball is in play, the camera switches to a closeup of the fielder to show off the awesome animation. This makes it difficult to know what's happening on the rest of the field, and it throws off the timing of both the base runner and defender.

Even worse, the physics of gameplay are so screwed up that you'll witness fly balls that start to fall, only to rise back into the sky. When a pitcher throws a change-up, your swing frustratingly slows down along with the ball.

Van Earl Wright is the glitchy announcer who's to-

tally off-base with most of his calls, and the crowd sounds more like a car speeding by than people cheering.

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3D Baseball Tips



PROTIP: Pitch the ball on the outside part of the plate, and when the batter starts his swing, curve it bevond his reach.



PROTIP: If you see a runner rounding the base too far, throw behind him to the base he just passed to pick him off.



PROTIP: When you hit the ball into the alley, be aggressive on the base paths and think triple all the way. The field is so huge that you'll make it most of the time.

Disappointing to say the least, 3D Baseball is strictly minor-league ma-

terial. Fans of the diamond should stick to Triple Play for the best Play-Station baseball game to date.

For Whom the Belle Tolls

January 1997



SPORTS INSIDER PREVIEWS



Sega's preparing for gridiron battle with NFL '97, a title that it hopes can compete with EA's football legend, Madden NFL '97. Sega's NFL '97 offers playbooks unique to each team and

a play editor that allows you to design and run plays that you have created. All 30 NFL teams are represented, along with all the players updated to the start of the '96 season. The graphics and gameplay aren't up to Madden's

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high standards yet, but there's still time left in Sega's preseason to pull together a possible title contender. —Johnny Ballgame

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In The Zone returns for its second season of arcade-style five-on-five basketball with high-flying graphics but brick-laying depth. New this year are substitutions and the ability to play both a full season



or playoffs, but any type of strategy is still sorely missing. So far the only play you can run is the post, and on offense, players don't move away from the ball. Konami needs plenty of practice before the upcoming season if

it hopes to compete with NBA Live '97. —Johnny Ballgame

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Sega tries to heat up the racetrack as Daytona USA Championship Circuit Edition power-shifts onto the Saturn. Circuit Edition's features include two new tracks, several new cars, and a two-player split-screen option. All the courses are now supposed to zip by in high-res graphics

and with a frame rate faster than before. How-

ever, the caution flag is up as the frame-rate upgrade and planned retooling of the original Daytona's redraw problem weren't available in this early version. Hopefully, these problems will be corrected before Circuit Edition rolls off the Sega assembly line.—*Bruised Lee*

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By Art Angel

Konami's highly anticipated Suikoden delivers a superlative RPG experience. What separates Suikoden from other RPGs are a great story line, sensational sounds, and a user-friendly interface.

Suikoden's Story

You play as the general's son who must choose between your loyalty to the Emperor or your promise to a dying friend who's a member of the rebelling Liberation Army. Since correcting the injustice in the kingdom requires careful decision-making, you interact with over 100 characters and many subplots that neatly tie up the final denouement.



PROTIP: Spread your runes among all your characters so you can take on bigger creatures with lots of HP.

Though its gameplay is similar to classic RPGs such as Chrono Trigger, Suikoden has one big difference that makes it stand out: Its user-friendly interface. Inventories are clearly laid out, making this an especially effortless game to play, and the three types of combat (person to person, party versus party, and army battles) are entertaining enough to



PROTIP: Boost your army's power before going into battle so you'll have a better chance when you're undermanned.

make Suikoden appealing to every gamer, even those who typically don't like RPGs.

Hits and Misses

Graphically, Suikoden is uneven. The character sprites are nice and crisp until you see the pixelated closeups. The backgrounds, especially in the isometric 3D view, are



PROTIP: Save all healing items until you're facing the larger monsters because they can kill you with just one or two hits.

a bit bland. The special effects for spells and special attacks are a sight to behold, but the gameplay lacks any fullmotion-video (FMV) or eyeopening cut scenes.

Balancing the inconsistent graphics is Suikoden's outstanding sound. Most notable is the game's soundtrack, which captures the true feel

of each setting and scenario. The loudand-clear effects for attacks and spells all ring true.

Overall, Suikoden is a topnotch, classicstyle RPG with a deep, evolving story line and smooth, efficient gameplay. If the graphics had been tweaked and more FMV/cut scenes been inserted, this game would be one



PROTIP: Appraise any unknown antiques. You may have a speclal item, or you may be duped by merchants.

of the best ever. However, it stands as one of the best RPGs on the PlayStation, and probably won't be surpassed until Final Fantasy VII is released.

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- 1. The Legend of Zelda (Super NES)
- 2. Final Fantasy 3 (Super NES)
- 3. Lunar: Eternal Blue/Silver Star (Sega CD)
- 4. Breath of Fire II (Super NES)
- 5. Phantasy Star IV (Genesis)
- 6. Secret of Mana (Super NES)
- 7. Chrono Trigger (Super NES)
- 8. Super Mario RPG (Super NES)
- 9. Might and Magic II (Genesis)
- 10. Final Fantasy 2 (Super NES)



PROTIP: Place your missile-carrying characters in the rear of the formation. Hand weaponry is useless when it's kept in the back row.



PROTIP: Avoid lower-level enemies whenever possible; if you duke it out with all of them, they're likely to score a hit.



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The Story

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Gameplay

Magic offers two modes of gameplay: The Duel mode enables one or two players (using a split screen) to engage in Magicstyle war, just as if they were playing the card game. This means you battle your opponent with cards that display over 200 creatures, spells, artifacts, and enchantments from the Magic: The Gathering series. In addition to pre-made, random, or custom decks of cards, you can also choose new cards from the expansion deck called Mirage.

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By Bruised Lee

Basic Skills

Here are some basic skills you should know and use during a fight.

3D Movement

Each fighter has the ability to circle around an opponent and attack from different directions. This movement can also be used to avoid any ringout victories.



Tap (\rightarrow G) to circle toward the screen; tap (\leftarrow G) to circle away from the screen.



Plasma Reversals

Use Plasma Reversals to predict an opponent's attack and counter it. To properly counter an incoming move, you must counter with the same move your opponent attacks with. For example, if an opponent attacks with a Vertical Slash, you must counter with a Vertical Slash. *Note: You can't counter kick attacks.*

Plasma Revenge

A Plasma Revenge move blocks and counters incoming moves.



Tap (\leftarrow A G) for a Vertical Slash counter; or tap (\leftarrow B G) for a Side Slash counter.

Plasma Reflect

Plasma Reflect moves ricochet attacks, thus leaving your opponent off balance for an attack.



Tap (\rightarrow A G) for a Vertical Slash counter; or tap (\rightarrow B G) for a Side Slash counter.

Plasma Special

Each fighter has a super move that can't be blocked which inflicts major damage. A Plasma Special can be performed only once each round.



Tap (A B K) to execute a Plasma Special.

Knockdown Attacks



When you knock down an opponent, tap ↑ and any attack button to score an extra hit.

Get Up and Fight

When your fighter is knocked down during a match, there are several ways to recover offensively and defensively.

Roll Backwards While on the ground, tap ←

Roll Forward While on the ground, tap \rightarrow .

Roll to the Side While on the ground, tap G

Getting-Up Attack While on the ground, tap K

Low Getting-Up Attack While on the ground, tap $(\downarrow K)$

Against Air Attack While on the ground, tap \downarrow , (↑ K)

B = Side Slash

G = Guard

smooth, continuous motion. Charge = Hold the direction or button indicated for the time indicated

parentheses simultaneously.

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A = Vertical Slash K = Kick Motion = Move the joystick in one

() = Execute commands in

→ = Toward

← = Away

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Note: All techniques are described under the assumption that your character is facing to the right. If they're facing left, reverse any Toward and Away commands.





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Overhead Slash Tap $(\rightarrow A)$

Charging Slash Tap (→ B)

Side Kick Tap (→ K)

Juggle Attack Tap (↘A)

Trip Slash Tap (↘ B)

Sidestep Kick Tap (↘K)

Charging Stab While running, tap A

Oouble Side-Stab While running, tap B, B

Flying Kick While running, tap K



Motion $\rightarrow \forall \downarrow \lor \leftarrow A$

Takedown



Motion ↓ > → B, tap B



Tap (G K)

Small Jump Attack



Tap (G K), A or B

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When your back is to an opponent, tap A

Sword Extender



Tap ↓, ↓, ↓ Sword Control Note: Five moves can follow the Sword Control move.



Do the Sword Extender, then tap A, A, \rightarrow , G, B

Small Dagger



Do the Sword Control, then tap $\downarrow, \downarrow, \downarrow$

Super **Overhead Swing**



With the dagger, motion → $\exists \downarrow \lor \leftarrow A$

Super Grab



With the dagger, tap \rightarrow , \leftarrow , **→, ←,** K

Uppercut



With the dagger, motion \rightarrow **∀** ∀ A

Power Bomb



With the dagger, tap \rightarrow , \leftarrow , When in close, tap \rightarrow , \leftarrow , K $\rightarrow, \leftarrow, \rightarrow, \leftarrow, K$

When in close, tap (A B)

Behind Grab

Grab Move



When behind an opponent, tap (A B)

Crouching Grab



When both players are crouching, tap (A B) Kick Grab



Killer Combos

Four-Hit Juggle-Stab Combo



Tap (+ B)

Two-Hit Grab Combo



Tap (🗲 B)

Tap (↘A)

Tap (A B)





Tap A

Final Combo









Tap K







Tap K







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Tap (↘A)

Tap A

Four-Hit Juggle-Kick Combo







Tap A



Punch Combo



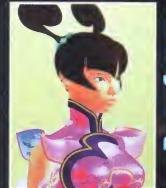
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Motion $\downarrow \lor \rightarrow A$, tap K





Five-Hit Flash-Kick Combo

Three-Hit Turnaround Combo



Tap ↓, (↑ K)

Tap A



Tap (← B)



Tap B

Motion ↓ ⊭ ← K



Flash to Uppercut



Tap ↓, (↑ K), A

Flying Spin-Kick



Motion $\bigvee \& \\ \leftarrow K$

Overhead Slash Tap (→ A)

Spin Slash Tap (→ B)

Roundhouse Kick Tap (→ K)

Low Slash ... Тар (ЪВ)

> Knee Charge Tap (↘ K)

> > Tap B



Motion ↓ ∠ ← K, tap K

Big Bang

Cartwheel

Motion $\downarrow \nvDash \leftarrow G$

Back Flip

Tap (K G)

←, K

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Camel Clutch



Tap (K G), A, A, →, (G B)

Moonsault Kicks



When your back is to an opponent, tap K, (K G)

Sweep Kick Tap (⊮ K)

Butt Flip While running, tap A or B

Slide Kick While running, tap K

Juggle Attack Tap (↘ A)















Tap A

Tap A

When in close, tap (A B)

Behind Grab

Grab Move



When behind an opponent, tap (A B)

Crouching Grab *



When both players are crouching, tap (A B)

June



When an opponent is face

up on the ground, tap \rightarrow ,



Tap A



Tap K

Tap B









Killer (

Tap B





Tap K



Tap K





Motion $\downarrow \searrow \rightarrow A$, tap A

Drastic Follow



Tap (→ B), B

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Tap ←, (→ K)

Tap K

Tap A

Final Combo





Motion $\downarrow \supseteq \rightarrow B$

Acrobat Combo



Motion ↓ ⊭ ← B, tap B, B

Firecracker



Tap ←, (→ K)



Tap (→ K), A

Dancing Feet



Tap $(\downarrow K), (\rightarrow K)$

Behind Grab ·



When behind an opponent, When both players are tap (AB)

Grab Move



When in close, tap (A B)

Cartwheel



Motion $\downarrow \lor \leftarrow G$

Crouching Grab



crouching, tap (A B)



Overhead Slash Tap (→ A)

Side Slash Tap (→ B)

Head-Butt Tap (→ K)

Knockdown Attack Tap (↘A)

Low Slash Tap (↘ B)

Juggle Kick Tap (↘ K)

Diving Head-Butt While running, tap A or B

Chest Dive While running, tap K



Four-Hit Turnaround Juggle Combo





Tap →, (ڬ K) Tap A

Tap (→ A)



Tap A

Six-Hit Bouncing Combo





Tap A



Tap K















Tap A

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Tap K

Tap A



Tap B

Up-Lift Combo



Tap (→ A), A

Spinning Pile Driver



Motion $\rightarrow \Im \downarrow \checkmark \leftarrow K$

Gamof Press

When an opponent is face down on the ground, tap ←, (→ K)

Giant Swing



When behind an opponent, When in close, tap (A B) motion $\rightarrow \Im \downarrow \downarrow \checkmark \leftarrow K$



When in close, motion \downarrow $\searrow \rightarrow K$, tap B

Grab Move



Forward Roll

Motion $\downarrow \checkmark \leftarrow (G K)$

Jump Over

Tap (G K)

Tornado Strike



Tap \leftarrow , (\rightarrow B), B, B

When behind an opponent,

Behind Grab





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When in close, motion 4 ×→K

Crouching Grab



When both players are crouching, tap (A B)

Gamof



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Overhead Slash Tap (→ A)

Side Slash Tap (→ B)

Head-Butt Tap (→ K)

Juggle Attack Tap (↘ A)

Low Slash Tap (↘ B)

Flip Kick Tap (↘ K)

Diving Flip Kick While running, tap A or B, or tap B, B

Chest Dive While running, tap K

Four-Hit Big-Fist Combo









Tap A

Final Combo





Tap B



Tap K

Tap A







Tap K

Tap A

Tap K

Tap B

Tap K

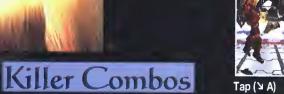
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Tap B

Tap A

Tap A

Tap K



tap (A B)



Three-Hit Juggle Combo





Tap K











Tap K













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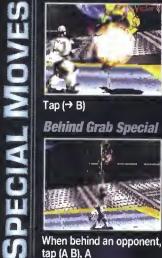






Tap (→ A)

Chainsaw



Tap (→ B)

Behind Grab Special



When behind an opponent, tap (A B), A



Tap (A) **Drill Kick**



Tap (↘ K) **Behind Laser**



When behind an opponent, When behind an opponent, Tap (\rightarrow K), K tap K

Tap K





Motion $\downarrow \lor \leftarrow A$



Motion $\downarrow \supseteq \rightarrow K$

Behind Grab



tap (A B)

Low Slash

Tap (⊻ B)

Five-Hit Laser Combo

Tap K

Tap A

Tap K

Mad Dive

Tap ↓, ↑, K

Flying Drill

Tap ↓, ↑, K, (↓ K)

Leg Split

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Shoulder Charge While running, tap A or B

Charging Drill Kick While running, tap K

Tap B

When both players are

crouching, tap (A B

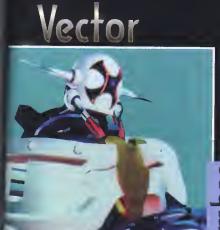
Back Dash

Tap (⊭ G K)

Grab Move

When in close, tap (A B)

Crouching Grab



Three-Hit Takedown Combo



Tap A

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Tap A



Tap A

Five-Hit Air-Shot Combo



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Tap A





Tap K





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Low Stab Tap (→ A)

Low Slice Tap (→ B)

Snap Kick Tap (→ K)

Juggle Attack Tap (↘ A)

Low Trip Tap (⊻ B)

Sweep Kick Tap (↘K)

Elbow Charge While running, tap A or B

Slide Kick While running, tap K

Killer

Final Combo



Tap (← A)



Motion $\checkmark \lor \rightarrow A$, tap A

Rising Arrow



Motion $\rightarrow \forall \forall \forall \forall \leftarrow A, tap$ $(\rightarrow A)$

Behind Grab



tap (A B)



Tap ←, (→ A K) Spinning Attack



Tap \leftarrow , \leftarrow A, tap A, A

Standing Storm



Motion $\rightarrow \forall \forall \nvDash \leftarrow A$, tap A, A

Crouching Grab



crouching, tap (A B)

Diagonai Roll



Tap \leftarrow , (\rightarrow G K) Elbow Smash



Tap →, (→ K)

Arrow Trip



Motion $\rightarrow \forall \downarrow \nvDash \leftarrow A$, tap В

Wild Kicks



Tap (↘ K), (← K)

Grab Move



When in close, tap (A B)

Snap-Kick Combo



Motion $\downarrow \supseteq \rightarrow A$, tap K

Arrow Snap Kick

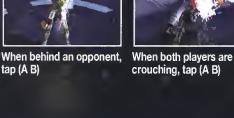


Motion $\rightarrow \lor \downarrow \lor \leftarrow A$, tap K

The Cracker



When an opponent is face down on the ground, tap →, (← K)



Three-Hit Turnaround-Kick Combo Four-Hit Juggle Combo

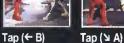


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Tap (← K)









Tap B





Tap →, (← K)

Tap A

Tap A

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Tap K

Tap A



Tap A

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Motion ↓ ⊭ ← K, tap K

Sidestep Kick

Tap \leftarrow , (\rightarrow K)

Lie Down

Tap ↓, ↓

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Double Volcano Kick Lie-Down Bite

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Overhead Swing Tap $(\rightarrow A)$

Base Hit Tap (→ B)

Meal Bite Tap (→ K)

Low Charge Tap (↘ B)

Charge Knockdown Tap (↘ K)

Tail Whip Tap (← K)

Tail Trip Tap (⊮ K)

Skull Drive While running, tap A

Crazy Wave While running, rapidly tap B

Sliding Bite While running, tap K

Three-Hit Volcano-Kick Combo

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Final Combo



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Motion $\downarrow \supseteq \rightarrow K$

Super Flame

Motion $\leftarrow \lor \downarrow \lor \rightarrow K$

Volcano Kick

Motion $\downarrow \lor \leftarrow K$











Tap A Tap K Three-Hit Meal-Bite Combo







Tap \downarrow , \downarrow , motion $\downarrow \supseteq \rightarrow K$

Hell Float



When an opponent is behind you, tap K

Air Attack



When an opponent is in the air, tap ↓, (↑ K)

Tap A

Back Dash



Tap →, (← G K)



When in close, tap (A B)

Behind Grab



When behind an opponent, tap (AB)

Crouching Grab



When both players are crouching, tap (A B)





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Tap A

Tap A Four-Hit Juggle-Stab Combo





Tap K

Tap A

Tap A

Tap (→ K)

Tap A

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BASIC SKILLS

Overhead Swing Tap (→ A)

Sideswipe Tap (→ B)

Snap Kick Tap (→ K)

The Stab Tap (↘A)

Low Spin Attack Tap (⊻ B)

Kick Knockdown Tap (↘K)

Back Flip Tap (← K)

Charging Kicks While running, tap A

Kick Slide While running, tap K



 $\searrow \rightarrow A$

Maximum Stab

Motion ↓



When you reach maximum size, tap (→ A)

The Stomp



When an opponent is down, tap (ゞK)



Motion $\downarrow \supseteq \rightarrow B$ **Get-Up Attack**



After being knocked down, tap (>K)

Behind Grab



When behind an opponent, tap (\downarrow G K) to lie down; tap (A B) tap G to get up

Super Stomp



Grow

Tap Ψ, Ψ, Ψ

Maximum Size

After growing, tap Ψ, Ψ ,

↓; to shrink, rapidly tap ↓

Motion $\downarrow \nvDash \leftarrow K$, tap K, K



When an opponent is behind you, tap A

Lie Down



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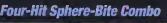
Grab Move

When in close, tap (A B)





When an opponent is face down on the ground, tap →, (← K)





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Tap (← B)

Tap B

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Tap \rightarrow , (\rightarrow K)

Eight-Hit Super-Juggle Combo

Tap B

Tap K

Tap →, (← K)











Tap B



Tap A





Tap A









Tap A



Final Combo



Tap A

Tap B

Tap A

Tap B

Tap A



Motion ↓ ∠ ← A





BASIC SKILLS

Overhead Swing Tap (→ A)

Side Slash Tap (→ B)

Hammer Kick Tap (→ K)

Rising Blade Tap (↘A)

Sliding Blade Tap (> B)

Sky Snipe Tap (← A)

Dashing Blade While running, tap A or B

Spring Missile While running, tap K



Tap ←, (→ A)

Thunder Blade



Tap ←, (→ B)

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During a jump, tap (↓ A)

Flying Roundhouse



When your back is to an opponent, tap K, K

Super Jump



Tap ↓, ↑

Air Float 141

While jumping, tap (A B)



While jumping, tap (4 G)

Air Dash



Tap \downarrow , \uparrow , \rightarrow , \rightarrow

Blue Storm



Motion $\rightarrow \Im \downarrow \checkmark \leftarrow K$, tap K, K



When in close, tap (A B)

Behind Grab



When behind an opponent, tap (AB)

Crouching Grab



When both players are crouching, tap (A B)



Tap (← B)

Tap A

Tap B



Tap A



Tap (← B)



Tap A

Tap (A B)





Tap A Tap K



Tap A







Tap (↑ A)

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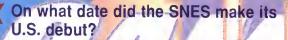


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By Bruised Lee

Basic Skills

Here are some basic skills for each wrestler.

Run To run, tap 🗆

Turnbuckle Attack

When your opponent is facing the turnbuckle, tap
to bash his head into the turnbuckle.



Turnbuckle Move



To start a turnbuckle move, simultaneously tap × and press the directional pad toward the turnbuckle you wish to climb. Moves are determined by where your opponent is standing.

Downed Opponent

Use these skills after you knock down an opponent. The moves vary depending on where you're standing.

Face Down on the Mat

When near an opponent's head, tap \triangle

When near an opponent's feet, tap \triangle

When near an opponent, tap \times

Face Up on the Mat

When near an opponent's head, tap 🛆

When near an opponent's feet, tap ∆

When near an opponent, tap \times

The Drag

To drag an opponent across the mat, tap 🗆 when standing near your opponent's feet. This is best used to set up a turnbuckle move.

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Flip Over

Tap 🗆 when near your opponent's midsection to flip him over.

Dizzy Opponent



When near an opponent's head, tap 🗆 to pick him up by the hair and make him dizzy. You can then perform another move.

Spin Dizzy Opponent

When near a dizzy opponent, tap I to turn him around. You can then perform your next move.

Controller Legend **□**[△]_↓ o Motion = Move the joystick in one

- smooth, continuous motion.
- Charge = Hold the direction or button indicated for the time indicated.
 - () = Execute commands in parentheses simultaneously.

Note: All techniques are described under the assumption that your character is facing to the right. If they're facing left, reverse any Toward and Away commands.

Throw Opponent Out of the Ring

Get Out of the Ring

When near the ropes, simultane-

ously tap 🗋 and press the direc-

tional pad toward the ropes.

To throw an opponent out of the ring, tap I when you and your opponent are near the ropes.

THE FIGHTER'S EDGE



Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.



Tap △ **Neck Breaker** Tap \triangle and any direction Snap Mare Tap O **Body Slam** Tap O and any direction Kick Tap X Uppercut Tap × and any direction

Tap × and any direction

Tap \triangle and any direction

Tap O and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You

Note: Performed when

opponent is dizzy and

Arm Takedown

Small Package

Tap \triangle and any direction

Forearm Smash

Headlock

Arm Breaker

Body Slam

Tap △

Tap X

Tap △

facing you.





Dizzy: Facing You

Tap 🛆 Small Package Tap △ and any direction Suplex Tap O

Leg Sweep Tap O and any direction Forearm Smash Tap X

Dizzy: **Facing Away** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Abdominal Stretch Tap △ **Back Slide** Tap \triangle and any direction



Suplex

Flying Kick

Turnbuckle

Cross Body Block

Do this move when an

opponent is standing.

Do this move when an

Do this move when an

opponent is dizzy and

Do this move when an

opponent is dizzy and

facing away from you.

opponent is on the mat.

Tap ()

Tap X

Moves

Клее Drop

Superplex

facing you.

Backward

Superplex

Danny McGee

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.





Tap O and any direction Headlock **Neck Breaker**

Tap \triangle and any direction **Snap Mare** Tap O Kick

Tap × Slap Tap \times and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when

opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Power Bomb



Tap O and any direction Arm Breaker

Tap △ Arm Takedown Tap \triangle and any direction

Suplex Tap O

Clothesline Tap ×

Dizzy: **Facing Away** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Abdominal Stretch Tap \triangle

Back Suplex Tap \bigcirc , or tap \bigcirc and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.



Tap O and any direction Arm Breaker Tap \triangle

Neck Breaker Tap \triangle and any direction

Suplex Tap O **Uppercut or Kick**

Tap X

Dizzv: **Facing Away** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away trom you.

Octopus Stretch Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Flying Kick Tap X

Octopus Stretch



Tap \triangle and any direction **Flying Kick** Tap ×

Turnbuckle Moves

Double Axehandle Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Flying Knee-Drop Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Superplex

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Backward Suplex



Tap \bigcirc , or tap \bigcirc and any direction

Turnbuckle Moves

Flying Shoulder Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Knee Drop Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Shoulder Block Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.

Commandant Frankensteiner Standard Moves Note: Performed when

opponent is facing you. Spinning Back Kick

> Tap O and any direction **Backbreaker** Tap O

Drop Kick Tap X

Dizzy: Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Bulldog



Tap O Abdominal Stretch

Octopus Stretch Tap \triangle and any direction Suplex Tap O and any direction

Tap X Turnbuckle

Moves Flying Drop Kick Do this move when an

opponent is standing. Moonsault

Do this move when an opponent is on the mat. Frankensteiner Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and

facing you. Backward **Superplex** Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Cross Body Block Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.



Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.



1 Tap \triangle and any direction

Headlock Tap∆

Chop

Power Kick Tap × and any direction

Snap Mare Tap O **Body Slam** Tap O and any direction

Tap ×

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Forearm Smash

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Chiatin Garrig-

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Body Slam



Tap O

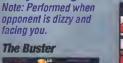
Headlock Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Suplex Tap O and any direction

Chop

Tap ×

Kick Tap × and any direction





Dizzy: Facing You

Tap O and any direction Arm Breaker

Tap △ Arm Takedown Tap \triangle and any direction DDT Tap O

Chop Tap × Dizzy: **Facing Away** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Arm Takedown Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Backward Suplex Tap O



Tap O and any direction Sweep Kick Tap ×

Turnbuckle Moves

Elbow Drop Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Drop Kick Do this move when an opponent is standing.

DDT Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.



Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Belly Suplex



Tap () and any direction Headlock **Neck Breaker** Tap \triangle and any direction Snap Mare Tap O Slap Tap X Chop Tap × and any direction **Dizzy: Facing You** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Northern Lights Suplex



Tap () and any direction Arm Breaker

Arm Takedown Tap \triangle and any direction

Choke Tap O

Uppercut or Kick Tap X

Bizzv: Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Arm Takedown Tap ∆

Back Slide Tap \triangle and any direction



Tap ×

German Suplex Tap O

Flying Suplex Tap O and any direction

Turnbuckle Moves

Knee Drop Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Drop Kick Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Belly Flop Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Chock Slam Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Sleeping Hold

Tap A

Tap \times

Moves

Suplex

Clothesline

Turnbuckle

Tap O and any direction

Flying Butt-Smash

Do this move when an

opponent is standing.

Do this move when an

Do this move when an

opponent is dizzy and

opponent is on the mat.

Flying Stomp

Superplex

facing you.

Backward

Superplex

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Slan



Tap ×

Headlock Tap ∆

Arm Breaker Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Body Slam Tap O

Kick Tap O, or tap O and any direction

Chop Tap × and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Arm Takedown



Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Hard Press Tap O

Power Bomb Tap O and any direction

Kick Tap ×

Dizzy: **Facing Away** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Arm Takedown Tap \triangle and any direction Buildog Tap O



Tap 🛆

Tap ×

Back Suplex Tap () and any direction Clothesline

Turnbuckle Moves

Flying Clothesline Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Elbow Drop Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

TYPTIAN

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Neck Breaker



Tap \triangle and any direction

Headlock Tap △

Body Slam Tap O

Suplex Tap O and any direction

Slap Tap ×

Chop Tap × and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You



Arm Takedown Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Power Bomb Tap O and any direction

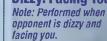
Kick or Drop Kick Tap X

Dizzy: **Facing Away** Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Arm Takedown Tap \triangle and any direction Bulldog

Tap ()

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.



Arm Breaker Tap △

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Tap ()

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Piledriver



Tap () and any direction *Headlock*

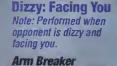
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Neck Breaker Tap △ and any direction

Suplex Tap O

Slap Tap ×

Punch Tap × and any direction





Tap △ Arm Takedown Tap △ and any direction

Frankensteiner

Power Bomb Tap () and any direction Slap

Tap × Dizzy: Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

German Suplex Tap O Back Suplex Tap O and any direction

EL TEMBLOR

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Kick

Tap × and any direction

Headlock Tap ∆

Neck Breaker Tap \triangle and any direction

Snap Mare Tap ()

Body Slam Tap () and any direction

Slap Tap ×

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Arm Takedown Tap ∆

Backbreaker

Tap \bigcirc and any direction **Frankensteiner** Tap \triangle and any direction

Suplex

Tap () Back Kick Tap X

Dizzy: Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Suplex



Tap O and any direction

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Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Drop Kick Tap ×

Turnbuckle Moves

Star Press Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Flying Drop Kick Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Body Drop Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Back Drop Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.

Arm Takedown Tap ∆

Cross Face Tap △ and any direction **German Suplex**

Tap O

Forearm Smash Tap ×

Turnbuckle Moves

Moonsault Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Spin Kick Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Frankensteiner Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and

Flying Body Block Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.

facing away from you.

Agent Orange

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.





Tap () and any direction *Headlock*

Tap \triangle Arm Breaker Tap \triangle and any direction Body Slam Tap \bigcirc Slap Tap \times Chop Tap \times and any direction

King Og

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Reverse Neck Breaker



Tap ∆

Bearhug Tap △ and any direction *Body Slam*

Tap () *Suplex*

Tap \bigcirc and any direction **Chop** Tap \times

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Kick Tap × and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.





Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Press Slam Tap O

Piledriver Tap () and any direction **Kick**

Tap × Dizzy:

Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Sieeper Hold Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Back Suplex Tap ()

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and

facing you. Choke Lift



Tap \triangle **Arm Takedown** Tap \triangle and any direction

Press Slam Tap O

Backbreaker Tap () and any direction

Clothesline Tap ×

Dizzy: Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Press Slam

Backbreaker Tap O and any direction

Forearm Smash



Tap ×

German Suplex Tap O and any direction

Turnbuckle Moves

Head-Butt Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Axehandle Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Carry Drop Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

opponent is dizzy and

facing away from you.

Backward Superplex Do this move when an

Sleeper Hold

Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any

Val.

direction

Tap ×

Moves

Clothesline

Turnbuckle

Elbow Drop

Superplex

facing you.

Backward

Superplex

Do this move when an

Flying Clothesline

Do this move when an

opponent is standing.

Do this move when an

opponent is dizzy and

Do this move when an

opponent is dizzy and

facing away from you.

opponent is on the mat.

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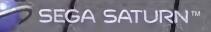
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Press \bigcirc , \rightarrow , \triangle , \uparrow , \Box , \leftarrow , \times , \downarrow , \times , \downarrow , \Box , \leftarrow , \triangle , \uparrow , \bigcirc , \rightarrow , Select. Then, at the wrestler-select screen, highlight "Commandant" and press Select.

Brann I

Hidden

Character

Carry Drop

Tap O

Tap 🛆

Slap

Tap ×

Neck Breaker

Tap \triangle and any direction

Tap O and any direction

Tap × and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You

Note: Performed when

opponent is dizzy and

Arm Takedown

Chock Lift

Man Buster

Clothesline

facing you.

Tap O

Standard Moves

Note: Performed when

opponent is facing you.

Press L1, L1, L2, R2, R2, R1, △, ↓, ×, ↑, Select. Then, at the wrestler-select screen, highlight "Agent Orange" and press Select.



Sallie: The Referee

Press \uparrow , \downarrow , \leftarrow , \rightarrow , \bigtriangleup , \times , \Box , \bigcirc , L1, R1, L2, R2, Select. Then, at the wrestler-select screen, highlight "El Temblor" and press Select.

Gorgon: The Announcer

Shoulder Block



Tap × *Headlock*

Tap \triangle Bearhug Tap \triangle and any direction

Power Bomb Tap O and any direction

Dizzy: Facing Away Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.



Tap ○ Cross Face Tap △

Octopus Stretch Tap \triangle and any direction

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FI TENENT

German Suplex Tap () and any direction

Flying Kick Tap ×

Turnbuckle Moves

Flying Clothesline Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Kneedrop Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Frankensteiner Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and

facing away from you. Body Block

Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.

SPARROW Hidden Character

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Body Slam



Tap O and any direction

Headlock Tap \triangle , or tap \triangle and any direction

Snap Mare

Tap () Body Slam

Tap () and any direction *Chop* Tap ×

Spinning Back Kick Tap × and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Arm Breaker

Tap ∆



Suplex

Tap ()

Neck Breaker Tap \triangle and any direction Suplex Tap \bigcirc

Backbreaker

Tap () and any direction

Tap × Dizzy:

Facing Away

Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Octopus Stretch



Tap △ and any direction

Abdominal Stretch

Tap ∆ Buildog Tap O Suplex

Tap () and any direction Drop Kick

Tap × Turnbuckle

Moves

Double Axchandle Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Moonsault Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Superplex

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Backward Superplex

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Body Block Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.

SALLIE: THE REFEREE Hidden Character

Standard Moves Note: Performed when opponent is facing you.

Leg Takedown



Tap O

Takedown Tap ∆

Small Package Tap \triangle and any direction

Frankensteiner Tap O and any direction

Tap \times and any direction

Dizzy: Facing You Nofe: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Neck Breaker Tap ∆



Tap ○ Frankensteiner Tap △ and any direction

Suplex Tap () and any direction

Punch

Tap ×

Dizzy: Facing Away

Note: Performed when opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Suplex



Tap O Back Slide Tap ∆ Tap \triangle and any direction **Tiger Suplex**

Tap O and any direction

Tap ×

Turnbuckle Moves

Cross Face

Star Press Do this move when an opponent is standing.

Body Block Do this move when an opponent is on the mat.

Superplex Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing you.

Choke Slam

Do this move when an opponent is dizzy and facing away from you.

Flying Back Drop Do this move when an opponent is outside the ring.

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Kick Tap × Back Kick

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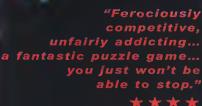
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By Johnny Ballgame

Night One

Day One



Start your journey by clicking the boot icon on the wagon to the left, then ask the couple about the raid and the storm. The man hands you a compass; place it in your inventory. Next, open the chest to the right by clicking on the operate icon, then pick up the teddy bear and give it to the man lying on the bed. Add the goggles to your inventory, then leave the caravan. Walk to the man by the fire and let him tell you about his son. After you explain your exhaustion, he hands you some beans. Place them in your inventory. Exit, and place the goggles on the gunslinger lcon. When the screen darkens, place the compass in your hand, and head off between the two caravans into the storm.



Follow the direction of the red compass until the storm passes, then remove your goggles and place them and the compass in your inventory.



To proceed, click the boot icon on the center of the gates, then move to the right until you see the skull. To enter town, walk toward the area above the skull where the road disappears.



Enter the hotel and walk to the desk. Ring the bell, then tell the innkeeper that you're just passing through, but would like a room. Place the key he gives you in your inventory, then walk behind the desk by placing the boot on the far left of the screen. Pick up the papers and the key underneath the desk, add them to your inventory, then go up the stairs to the right. In the hallway, pick up the chair and place it in your inventory.



Use the key the innkeeper gave you

to open the second door, and enter the room. Close the door behind you, and use the chair to wedge it shut. Open the wardrobe to the right of the room, and pick up the note inside. Place it in your inventory.



Use the operate icon on the chest of drawers to uncover a secret door. Unlock it using the key you found under the hotel's front desk. After Leo speaks to you, click on the sleep icon at the foot of his bed to fall asleep.

Day Two



When you awaken, return to your room, place the chair in your inventory, and leave. Go down the hallway, and get your gun from behind the desk. Place it in your inventory, and exit the hotel.



Once outside, walk over to the group of people fighting and tell the man who approaches you that you're going to teach him some manners. An Old West shootout ensues. After the shooting has stopped, enter the barn at the left of the screen.



Place the stick in your inventory, and leave the barn. Go down the alleyway between the hotel and the barn, open the door, and enter the room. Once inside, pick up the cleaver and the pan, and exit the room.



Walk further down the alley into the gun store, and walk toward the center display. Place your moneybag on top of the bullet press to purchase it, and before you leave, be sure to grab the book, read it, and place it in your inventory.



Walk to the gallows and climb above the hanging man. Use the cleaver to cut him down. Pick up the rope and add it to your inventory, then search the dead man's shirt pockets by using the hand icon, and steal his dice. The next stop is the general store. Buy the lamp, oil, matches, three bottles of medicine, and three bandages. Exit the store and walk to the saloon, where you purchase two ales and talk to the woman on the balcony. Tell her you're looking for a kidnapped child, exit the saloon, and go to the screen that has the big dumb cowboy.



SWAT BONUS SECTIO



Give the cowboy both beers, and he falls asleep. Take his crowbar and mallet, then exit back to the street. Click the boot icon on the window with the light to enter Sheila's room. Sheila shouts for you to hide, so quickly click the boot icon underneath the bed to avoid the sheriff. When he leaves, come out from under the bed and talk to Sheila. When the conversation is over, you're back on the street.



Visit the undertaker, who's to the right of the saloon, and offer to buy one of his pictures. When he leaves, take the hammer that's to the right of the doorway and the hook off the corpse's hand. Place them in your inventory, then walk to the area with the statue. Click the boot icon on the building between the town hall and the saloon to find the livestock shed. At the livestock shed, exit to the left and enter the doors to the far left of the following area.



Select the rope from your inventory and place it on the well outside the blacksmith's. Enter the well and grab the bucket. Before leaving the area, place your rope in your inventory. Go back and enter the livestock shed. Walk up the ladder, then place the bucket under the hung pig and slice away with your cleaver. Add the bucket of blood to your inventory and return to the blacksmith's.



Give the bucket of blood to the crazed man in the blacksmith's, then wait for him to leave. After day turns to night, grab the tongs, diary, and shovel for your inventory. use the small key you just found to unlock the picture frame. Next, operate the switch above the keyhole, then operate the bookcase to find the torture room. Enter the room, and walk onto the magic circle on the floor. Make sure the scroll is in your hand.



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Return to the area with the statue and use the tongs at the statue's base to grab the gold seal for your inventory. Walk to the doors of the town hall, and use the crowbar to break the lock. Once inside the town hall, enter the door at the top of the stairs, and use the eye icon to look at the pile of clothes. Pick up the key, place it in your inventory, then click the hand icon on the middle shelf of the bookcase and grab the scroll. Place it in your hand, then walk to the desk and unlock the drawer with the key you just found. Get the small key inside. Take the book on the desk, read it, then place it in your inventory. Return to the screen that shows the entire room.



Look at the picture on the wall, then

When you enter the preacher's secret room, smash his crystal ball with your mallet, and exit the screen. Turn to the right and grab the potion off the shelf and place it on the character icon. Exit that screen, walk to the left, and smash the voodoo doll with your hammer. Place the scroll next to it in your inventory.



Teleport back to the town hall by walking on the circle—but make sure you're still holding the original scroll from the town hall. Exit the hall, and go back to the kitchen between the hotel and the barn.



Use your hammer to smash the floorboards, and enter the basement. Once inside, use your crowbar to bust open the crate, then use the eye icon to look at it. Pick up the skull and place it in your inventory.



The next place you need to visit is the graveyard. Go up to the cross and select the shovel. Dig at the base of the cross, then use the eye to look down at the bodies. Pick up the locket from the dead man's neck and place it in your inventory. Exit the area and return to the street by the saloon. Enter Sheila's window, and tell her you're tired of talking. She tries to bite you, but after she fails, tell her that you still want to help her. Once Sheila is on the bed, click the sleep icon on her to safely fall asleep.

Day Three



When morning breaks, ask Sheila what you should do, then leave her room and return to the screen with the undertaker. Exit to the far right to enter the bridge screen, where you find Sheila waiting.



Go toward the church under the mountain. When you get to the screen that has both the church and the house, enter the house to the left. Once inside, be sure the first thing you do is pull down the cover at the top of the bird cage. Next, operate the chair to the left of the screen and pick up the white robe inside the closet. Look at the book on the preacher's desk, then exit the reading screen and enter the next room. Operate the telescope to see a train, then leave the house and return to the bridge.

Swat Bonus Section



Head to the mine entrance by clicking the boots on the end of the road. When you reach the gates, click the speech icon on the left gate. You're asked to show a pass. Pull out your gold seal and click it on the gates to enter. Beware-an extremely difficult shootout awaits. After you've killed all your enemies, enter the hut at the back of the screen. Use the eye icon to look at the boots, then pick up the key you discovered. Search the jacket that's hanging, and take the gloves you find and place them directly on your character icon. Exit the hut and use the key you just found to unlock the door of the mine entrance. Walk inside.

Operate the mine cart to the left of the screen. Make sure your hands are empty, then select the oil lamp and place it in your hand. Next, select the oil and place it on top of the lamp. Then take the matches and put them on the lamp to light it. Exit the screen to the far left, then remove the lamp from your hand and place it back in your inventory.



Place the hook in your hand, then select the rope from your inventory and place it on the hook. Use the grappling hook you've just made to swing across the gap in the floor by clicking it on the beam and pressing operate. When you land on the other side, pick up the stick to the right of the screen, then put the lamp in your hand and exit to the far left.



Smash the rock in front of you twice with the mallet to release some sulfur. Pick up the sulfur, place it in your inventory and return to the previous screen.



Take the skull from your inventory and click it on the center of the screen to make Wolfstar appear. Tell him the old evil is trying to escape, and you reappear back at the mine. Exit all the way back to the screen with the mine cart. Operate the mine cart, and move it to the left. Remove the lamp from your hand and replace it with the dyna-

JOHNNY BALLCAME'S COMPLETE WALKTHROUGH TO PLAYSTATION



Enter the screen to the right and place the sulfur at the feet of the werewolf that stands before you. Take the matches out of your inventory and put them on the sulfur. This causes the werewolf to fall into a pit! Pick up the pick-axe head and place it in your inventory.



Walk to the screen in the distance and pick up the dynamite. Use the eye to look at the piping on the floor, then place your hand on the pipe to strike it rich and find the silver. Enter both the dynamite and the silver into your inventory and exit the screen. Walk into the center of the next two screens and you come to the shrine screen.

mite. Light it by selecting the matches and placing them on top. then pick up the lit stick and dump it in the cart. Move the mine cart back to the right and there's an explosion. The mine exit becomes blocked. Combine the axe head with the stick you found to make a pick axe, and place it on the pile of rocks to open the exit. Leave the mines. Go back to the screen where you chose between the undertaker and the train station, and head toward the station. When you get there, place the goggles on your face and exit the screen by heading toward the tracks. A storm begins, but exit the storm by clicking on top of the screen until you reach the train.



Walk to the train's cabin and go inside. Operate the furnace, then place the coal inside and use your matches to ignite the flames. Place the frying pan in your hand, put the silver inside the pan, then place them both inside the furnace. Select the gloves, place the bullet press in your gloved hand, then use your tongs to pick up the pan of melted silver from the fire and onto your hand. Make sure the bullet press is in your hand.



You now have the deadly silver bullets you need to finish the game. Place them in your inventory and exit the train screen. When you exit the screen outside of the train, you enter the second to last shootout sequence.

Night Three



When the shootout ends, you're outside the church. Return to the town hall, and teleport to the preacher's secret room. Once inside, light a stick of dynamite and put it on the pole to the left of the room. Place the scroll you found next to the voodoo doll in your hand, and walk into the magic circle. You're teleported to the top of the church for the final showdown against the werewolves and preacher.



It's preacher time! Kill him to complete your journey. Watch out, though—he takes multiple shots at you, and if you're low on health, one bullet can seal your doom.

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Genesis (Game Genie)

Alien 3

AACT-CA6J	Game clock frozen (no time limit)
ANBT-AAEY	Start at stage 3
AYBT-AAEY	Start at stage 4
A2BT-AAEY	Start at stage 5
A6BT-AAEY	Start at stage 6
BEBT-AAEY	Start at stage 7
BJBT-AAEY	Start at stage 8
BNBT-AAEY	Start at stage 9
BYBT-AAEY	Start at stage 10
B2BT-AAEY	Start at stage 11
B6BT-AAEY	Start at stage 12
CEBT-AAEY	Start at stage 13
CJBT-AAEY	Start at stage 14
CNBT-AAEY	Start at stage 15
AJNA-EA3R	Machine gun has infinite ammo
AJMA-EA7C	Flamethrower has infinite fuel
AJJT-EA2J	Grenade launcher has infinite ammo
AJKA-EA88	Infinite hand grenades
RG2T-C6W4	First-aid pickup restores energy gauge to capacity
AMDA-CA4J	Long falls don't reduce energy
ADEA-CAGJ	Falls into turbine fans don't reduce energy
AJFT-AA66	Never lose radar
A2EA-AA8R	Infinite lives
YDXA-D93N	Ripley jumps much higher

Genesis (Game Genie)

Castlevania Bloodlines

Note: For these codes, leave the number of players at 3 on the options screen.

AAOA-DA42	Infinite lives
REST-C6XR	Protection from most hazards, except falls
AXJA-AA5N	Infinite continues
A26T-AA22	Always restart on the last level
0B8A-D960	Meat power-up heals fully
JB7A-DNXA	Weapon power-ups take you to maximum level
RG5T-C6Z0	No items use up any dems when used

Super NES (Game Genie)

Super Metroid

EED9-93AD

EED9-9EDD

EED9-9E0D

DD38-C4A8	Skip intro and start on Planet Zebes when starting a new game
DDCF-4461 + 6DCC-47A1 +	Select area when loading a game (press Right on map screen to select)
C225-3005	No energy loss from enemies
C22A-456D	Super jumps don't drain energy
C288-C5A7	Almost infinite missiles
C28A-C9D7	Almost infinite super missiles
3CA4-450D	Almost infinite super bombs
62C5-14A6	Start with hyper gun in inventory

The following codes only work on saved game "A." First, enter the master code.

c ronowing coucs on	iy work on saved game A. Thist, enter the master co
FA68-4760 + DD6A-C7DF +	Master code
E7D7-FAAD + DFD7-FA6D +	Start with about 500 energy tanks
88D7-FAAD + D4D7-FA6D +	Start with about 700 energy tanks
35D7-FAAD + D7D7-FA6D +	Start with about 1000 energy tanks
CED7-FAAD + D0D7-FA6D +	Start with about 1200 energy tanks
28D7-FAAD D9D7-FA6D +	Start with about 1500 energy tanks
A6D7-F26D	Maximum of 200 missiles
74D7-F36D	Maximum of 50 super missiles
74D7-FE6D	Maximum of 50 super bombs
DDD0-FE6D	Set hours played to zero (for better ending)
FDDF-F2AD	Add charge beam
DEDF-F26D	Get ice, wave, spazer, and plasma beams
4EDF-FA6D	Add ball, varia suit, spring ball, screw attack, and gravity suit
2DDF-FAAD 2DDF-FA0D +	Add X-ray, grapple, and bomb
77DF-FAAD	Add bomb and all boots
E7DF-FAAD E7DF-FA0D +	Add all boots, bomb, grapple, and X-ray
EED9-93DD	Crateria is already mapped out
EED9-930D	Brinstar is already mapped out
EED9-936D	Norfair is already mapped out
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Norfair is already mapped out Wrecked ship is already mapped out Maridia is already mapped out Tourian is already mapped out

SUPER NES (Game Genie)

Scooby Doo Mystery

DD60-1467	Start with one life
D060-1467	Start with five lives
D160-1467	Start with seven lives
DB60-1467	Start with ten lives
C2BF-3DAD	Infinite lives
DDED-3F01	Infinite energy
EEED-3F01	Most enemies are more frightening
C26D-1FD5	Scooby snacks do nothing
EE64-1DD5	Scooby snacks reduce fright

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PlayStation

Mortal Kombat Trilogy Play as Chameleon





To play as the hidden fighter Chameleon, at the fighter-select screen, select Human Smoke. Then **press and hold Left, L1, R2,** \Box , **and** \triangle . **Hold these buttons until the fight starts.** When the match starts, Human Smoke explodes into Chameleon. Chameleon has the powers of Classic Sub-Zero, Rain, Smoke, Ermac, Scorpion, and Noob Saibot.

Todd McGillen Hawthorne, NJ

Secret Konfigure



At the title screen, select Options. In Options, **simultaneously press and hold R1, R2, L1, L2, and Up** for five seconds. After five seconds, the screen will shake. Now you can highlight the green "?" box. Inside this options are several cheats, including one-button fatalities.

Kombat Zone Select

At the fighter-select screen, put the cursor over Sonya, and **press and hold Up, and press Start.** You'll hear a thud. Select a character and a Kombat Zone select option will appear. Now you can fight on any stage.

Christopher Sprader Prince George, VA

PlayStation

Formula 1

Extra Track, Bike Mode, Buggy Mode, German Mode, Gibberish Mode, and Lava Mode Extra Track



To access a race track the shape of a race car, at the Race Qualify screen, **press Left**, \bigcirc , \bigcirc , \triangle , \triangle , \bigcirc , **Up**, **Right**. At the Circuit Select screen is a new track, the Grand Champion Bonus Track.

Note: The following codes are entered at the Race Qualify screen.

Bike mode: **Press and hold Select**, then quickly **press Up**, **Down**, \bigcirc , \triangle , **Right**, **Up**, \Box , \triangle . The words "Bike Mode Activated" will appear in the box. When the race starts, you'll race as a bike.

Buggy mode: **Press and hold Select**, then quickly **press Right**, **Up**, \triangle , **Left**, **Up**, \Box , \triangle . The words "Buggy Mode Activated" will appear in the box. When the race starts, you'll race as a funky buggy.

German mode: **Press and hold Select**, then quickly **press Down, Up, Left, Left**, \Box , \bigcirc , \times . The words "German Mode Activated" appear in the box. When you start a race, you get the German commentary.

Gibberish mode: **Press and hold Select**, then quickly **press Left**, \bigcirc , **Up**, **Down**, **Down**, **Right** \bigcirc , \Box , \Box . The words "Gibberish Mode Activated" appear in the box.

Lava mode: **Press and hold Select**, then quickly **press** \Box , \bigcirc , **Up**, **Right**, **Right**, \bigcirc , \times . The words "Lava Mode Activated" appear in the box. When you start a race, you'll race on a lava-colored track.



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Saturn

Street Fighter Alpha 2

Play as Original Zangief, Dhalsim, Evil Ryu, and Powerful Akuma



Play as original Zangief: At the Player Select screen, move the cursor over Zangief and **press and hold Start. While still hold-ing Start**, move the cursor over these fighters in the following order: Sagat, Sodom, Rose, Birdie, Charlie, Dhalsim, Ryu, Adon, Chun Li, Guy, Ken, Zangief. Then **press any button**. When the match starts, you'll play as Zangief with his original moves.

Play as original Dhalsim: At the Player Select screen, move the cursor over Dhalsim and **press and hold Start. While still holding Start,** move the cursor over these fighters in the following order: Zangief, Sagat, Charlie, Dhalsim. Then **press any button**. When the match starts, you'll play as Dhalsim with his original moves.

Play as evil Ryu: At the Player Select screen, move the cursor over Ryu and **press and hold Start. While still holding Start**, move the cursor over these fighters in the following order: Adon, Akuma, Adon, Ryu. Then **press any button**. When the match starts, you'll play as a much deadlier version of Ryu.

Play as powerful Akuma: At the Player Select screen, move the cursor over Akuma and **press and hold Start. While still hold-**Ing Start, move the cursor over these fighters in the following order: Adon, Gen, Sakura, Rose, Sodom, Dan, Guy, Rolento, Sakura, Rose, Birdie, Akuma. Then **press any button.** When the match starts, you'll play as a deadlier version of Akuma.

PlayStation

Madden '97

Extra Teams



Start a game in any mode, and pick your team. Then, at the User Records screen, enter **Tiburon** or **High** Score. **Press** \bigcirc to go back to the Team Select screen. Now, when you cycle through the teams, there are several new ones.

Genesis

Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 Cheats, Secrets, and Killer Codes



At the Start Game/Options screen, **press A, C, Up, B, Up, B, A, Down.** Three new selections will appear—Cheats, Secrets, and Killer Codes.



Wipeout XL

All Tracks, Piranha Ship, and Infinite Weapons

Access to All Tracks



To access all the tracks in the game, at the Essential Options screen, simultaneously press and hold L1, R1, and Select. With these held down, press \Box , \bigcirc , \triangle , \bigcirc , \Box .

Piranha ship: To access the Piranha, at the Essential Options screen, simultaneously press and hold L1, R1, and Select. With these held down, press \times , \times , \times , \times , \sim , \bigcirc , \bigcirc , \bigcirc .

Infinite weapons: Pause the game any time during a race. While the game is paused, **press and hold L1, R1, and Select. With these buttons held down, press** \times , \times , \Box , \Box , \bigcirc , \bigcirc , \triangle . **Press Start** to unpause the game and you'll have all the weapons.

PlayStation

Andretti Racing Different-Colored Cars



Start a new race and select the Begin Career option. At the Register screen, enter the following password: Go Bears! (for stock cars) or Go Bruins! (for Formula One cars). At the screen where you select your car, you'll see vehicles with different paint jobs and company logos.

PlayStation

Die Hard Trilogy Beretta at Start and Good-Cop Bonus Beretta at Start





To get the Beretta pistol at the start of Die Hard 2: Die Harder, shoot down the helicopter at the start of the game.

Good-Cop Bonus



At the beginning of Level 1-1 of the Die Hard 2: Die Harder game, don't shoot any civilians or blow up any cars. When the game takes you inside the airport, shoot the terrorist with the hostage behind the counter and you will be rewarded with a Good Cop Bonus. This takes you back outside with several metal containers. These containers are filled with better weapons and power-ups.

Roberto Hamilton Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

PlayStation

Black Dawn

Maximum Fuel, Armor, and Weapons; Cycle Through Gun Modes; Mission Skip; and More



Enter the following codes while the game is paused.

Maximum fuel and armor: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, \triangle , \triangle , \triangle , \bigcirc .

Maximum weapons: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, L1, L2, R1, R2.

Cycle through gun modes: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, Select, Select, Select.

Summon Wingman: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, \Box , \Box , \Box , \bigcirc .

"Perfect" pause: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, Down, R1, R2. Mission skip: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, \triangle , \triangle , \triangle , Down, Down, Down.

Upgrade current weapon: Press Select, L2, Select, R2, L1, L1, R1, R1.

PlayStation

The King of Fighters '95 Team Match with Three of the Same Character



At the Game Select screen, pick Team Play. Pick Team Edit at the next screen. At the fighter-select screen, press and hold Start and press Down and \triangle simultaneously, Left and \times simultaneously, Right and \square simultaneously, and Up and \bigcirc simultaneously. You should hear a sound. Now you can pick the same fighter up to three times. This cheat also works in the two-player mode.

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Debug Mode



To access the debug menu, select Option Mode at the title screen. At the Options menu, highlight Exit. With Exit highlighted, **press and hold X, B, and Z. While still holding these buttons, press and hold Down** so the cursor moves to Dip Switch. The moment the cursor is on Dip Switch, **press A** (you must press A quickly because the cursor will start moving through the other options). If you did the trick correctly, you'll enter the Dip Switch menu, which has three new options, Enemy Level Display, Next Exp. Display, and Debug. If you turn on the Debug, you can do any of the tricks listed below.

See all the endings: Select Test Mode from the Options menu. This takes you to an Ending Test menu where you can see any of the seven game endings.

In Story Mode:

Stage select: There is a stage-select option at the start of the game after you pick your character. **Press Left or Right** to pick a stage.

Maximum attributes: When you select your character, you start at level 200 with 200 bonus points. This allows you to max out all of your character's attributes.

The following cheats are done any time during play:

Boxes around characters: Pause the game and **press L**, then unpause. Wireframe boxes will be drawn around the characters. Pause the game and **press L** again, and the boxes are more pronounced. Pause and **press L** again, and you will turn off the boxes.

Refill life meter: **Simultaneously press X, Y, Z, and Up**. Commit suicide: **Simultaneously press X, Y, Z, and Down**. Skip ahead one stage: **Hold R,** then **press Start**. Skip ahead two stages: **Hold R and A,** then **press Start**. Skip ahead three stages: **Hold R and B,** then **press Start**. Skip ahead four stages: **Hold R and C,** then **press Start**. Go back one stage: **Hold L and R,** then **press Start**. Go back two stages: **Hold L, R, and A,** then **press Start**. Go back three stages: **Hold L, R, and B,** then **press Start**. Go back four stages: **Hold L, R, and B,** then **press Start**.

In the Versus Mode:

Select any fighter: You can pick any of the heroes or villians.



Twisted Metal 2 Play as Sweet Tooth





At the Select Car screen, **press Up**, **L1**, \triangle , **Right**. You'll hear a gunshot. Now, when you cycle through the cars, you'll find Sweet Tooth between Shadow and Hammerhead.

PlayStation

Project Overkill Cloak and Speed



Enter the following cheats during gameplay, but not while the game is paused.

Cloak: Press and hold \triangle . While still holding \triangle , press \Box , \bigcirc , \bigcirc , \Box . Release \triangle , then press and hold \times and press \triangle , \triangle , then release \times . The word "Cheater!" will appear at the top of the screen, and you will be cloaked.

Speed: Press and hold Up. While still holding Up, press \triangle , \triangle , \triangle . Release Up, then press and hold Down, and press \times , \Box , \bigcirc , then release Down. The word "Cheater!" will appear at the top of the screen and you will move faster.

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Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 Play as Human Smoke



At the fighter-select screen, pick Smoke. Then **simultaneously press and hold High Punch, High Kick, Run, Block, and Left.** Keep these buttons held until the fight starts. At the start of the match, cyber-Smoke will explode into human Smoke.

PlayStation

Star Gladiator *Play as Bilstein and Kappah* Play as Bilstein





Start a game in Arcade Mode. Then, at the Character Select screen, **press and hold Select**, put the cursor on Gore, and **press** \times , \bigcirc , \times , \bigcirc , \Box , \Box , \Box , \triangle , \triangle , \triangle , **simultaneously press** \times **and** \bigcirc . Bilstein appears. Move the cursor to the right of Gore, and you can play as Bilstein.

Play as Kappah





Note: You must first enter the code to play as Bilstein. Start a game in Arcade Mode. Then, at the Character Select screen, **press and hold Select**, put the cursor on Hayato, and **press** \bigcirc , \square , \triangle , \square , \land , \square , \bigcirc , \square , **simultaneously press** \times **and** \triangle . Kappah appears. Move the cursor to the left of Hayato, and you can play as Kappah.

PlayStation

Bogey: Dead 6 999 Seconds



At the Now Loading screen that appears before the mission (after you select your fighter and armaments), **press and hold L1**, **L2**, **R1**, **R2**, \triangle , \bigcirc , \Box , \times , **and Left** until the mission starts. In the upper left corner, the timer will show 999 seconds.

PlayStation

Gunship Invincibility



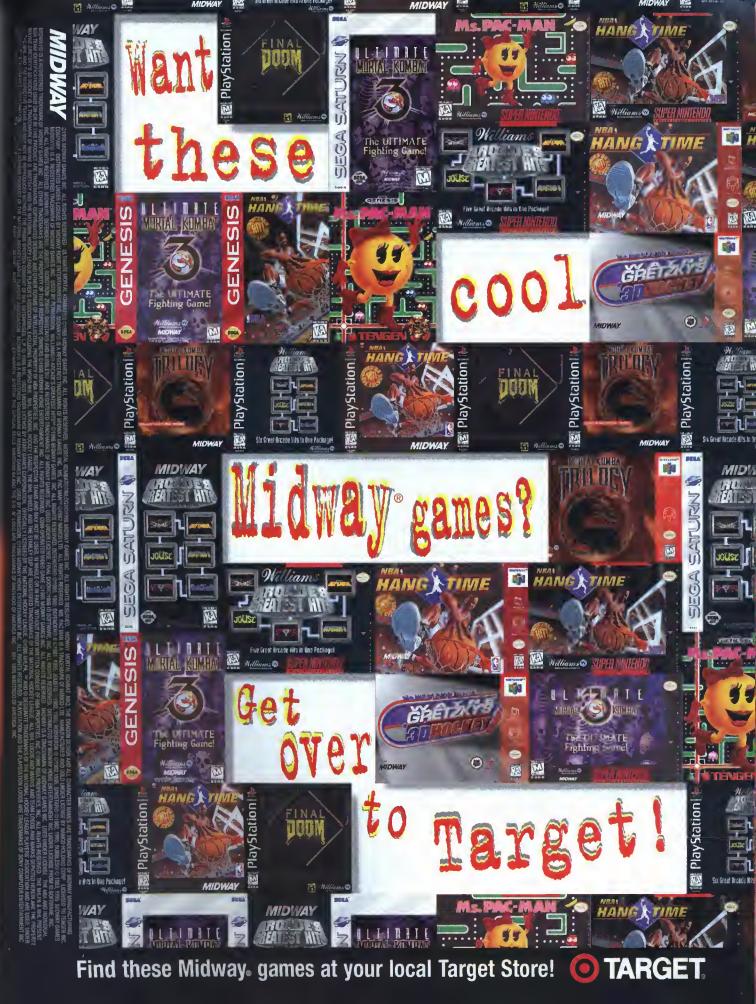
Start any mission and at the Loading screen, **simultaneously press and hold L1, L2, R1, and R2** until the mission starts. The word "Cheat" appears in the upper left corner of the screen. Now you are invincible.



Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 Tournament Mode



At the Start/Options screen, **press and hold L and R, and press** Start. This takes you to an eight-fighter tournament.



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PlayStation

Die Hard Trilogy Level Passwords

To enter these passwords, **press Select** at the screen where you pick a game. Then enter the Memory Control option, and select Game Code. After you've entered any of the codes, the words "Official Game Code" appear at the top of the screen.

Die Hard

Note: Each of the following codes gives you 15 lives and 25 of each grenade. A _ designates a blank space.

Level 2: Reception

K Z R V ! C Y H P Z R V J

Level 3: Construction

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Level 4: Office

Q _ 1 W S X 3 W Q K ! C D ! 6 F S S ! M 1 F F P Q 2 S C 1 D 5 J Q 2 S C 1 F 5 N Q 2 S C 1 D 5 J Q 2 S _

Level 5: Maintenance #1

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Level 6: Computers #1

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Danny Arnouk Brooklyn, NY

Level 7: Executive #1

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Level 8: Construction #2

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Level 9: Office #2

H 4 2 5 H 7 5 X G G V R V B X K 4 7 9 ! L ! 3 X H 5 X R L Z C T H 5 X R L ! C Y H 5 X R L Z C T H 5 X J

Level 10: Ballroom

3 D 2 3 1 Z Z ! 2 3 C K ! 8 B S _ Q V 9 Q 7 J Z 3 D F K Q 6 S W 3 D F K Q 7 S ! 3 D F K Q 6 S W 3 D F J

Level 11: Maintenance #2

Level 12: Office #3

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Level 13: Construction #3

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Die Hard 2: Die Harder

Note: Each of the following passwords gives you five lives.

Level 2: New Wing

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Level 3: Tunnel

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Level 4: Runway

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Level 5: Plane Interior

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Level 6: Church

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Level 7: Snowmobile Chase

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Level 8: Plane Intercept

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Die Hard With a Vengeance

Note: Each of these passwords starts you with nine lives and nine turbos.

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Level 3: Downtown #1

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Level 9: Wharf

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Level 10: Aquaduct #2

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Final Level: Simon Gruber

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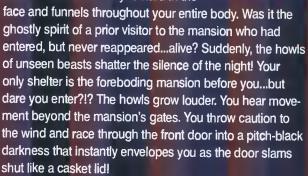
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